

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

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Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 5 June, 26 June and 3 July 2024.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 72 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 5 June 2024

From 4 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6260)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding laws relating to nuclear fusion technology **(EN6261)**

From 2602 petitioners – regarding the World Economic Forum and the World Health Organisation **(EN6265)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting that new Australian residents be conscripted into the Australian Defence Force **(EN6266)**

From 58 petitioners – requesting the introduction of a castle law in Australia **(EN6268)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government cut ties with the International Criminal Court **(EN6269)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting the establishment of soft plastic recycling processes **(EN6270)**

From 20 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government suspend funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East **(EN6271)**

From 9 petitioners – regarding access to online gaming servers **(EN6272)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting recreational vaping be prohibited **(EN6273)**

From 88 petitioners – requesting funding for the Parents of Deaf Children organisation **(EN6275)**

From 35 petitioners – regarding legislation relating to hate speech **(EN6279)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding the seeking of informed consent from patients undergoing psychiatric treatments **(EN6280)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting that Australians be able to access online poker tournaments **(EN6281)**

From 52 petitioners – requesting a reduction in immigration numbers **(EN6282)**

From 1154 petitioners – regarding privacy concerns relating to the *Digital ID Act 2024* **(EN6286)**

From 136 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government support the International Criminal Court prosecutor’s application for an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Yoav Gallant **(EN6288)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting that the Royal Australian Airforce procure an Airbus A400M aircraft **(EN6290)**

From 171 petitioners – regarding changes to age limits for the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN6294)**

From 537 petitioners – requesting that people who have served in the Israel Defense Forces be prohibited from returning to Australia **(EN6295)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 **(EN6296)**

Petitions certified on 26 June 2024

From 15 petitioners – regarding law enforcement tactics **(EN6274)**

From 90 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a royal commission into the family court system **(EN6299)**

From 291 petitioners – requesting a reduction in long-term net overseas migration numbers **(EN6300)**

From 1855 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government take actions to protect biodiversity and prevent proposed vegetation clearing around Kin Kin Quarry **(EN6301)**

From 109 petitioners – requesting that a federal election be called **(EN6302)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the *Digital ID Act 2024* **(EN6304)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting legislative changes to require companies to delete personally identifiable information **(EN6305)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting improvements in the treatment of mental health conditions **(EN6306)**

From 198 petitioners – requesting that the use of metaldehyde in slug and snail bait be prohibited **(EN6309)**

From 36 petitioners – requesting improvements to the reliability of mobile and internet connectivity in Cabonne, New South Wales, and surrounding areas **(EN6310)**

From 186 petitioners – requesting support to recruit qualified pharmacists from overseas **(EN6312)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government support independence for the Kanak peoples of New Caledonia **(EN6317)**

From 651 petitioners – requesting temporary residency for students affected by changes to age limits for the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN6320)**

From 25 petitioners – regarding supermarket prices **(EN6321)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a regulatory body for laser hair removal services **(EN6322)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting more affordable skin cancer checks and associated treatments **(EN6323)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting early access to superannuation **(EN6327)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting reconstruction of an intersection on the New England Highway **(EN6328)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the implementation of regulations relating to broadcast quality standards for livestreaming of sporting events **(EN6329)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting an increase to the cap on Contributory Parent visas (subclass 143) **(EN6334)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting an increase to Australia’s refugee intake **(EN6335)**

From 746 petitioners – requesting changes to regulations relating to access to hospitality venues for companion animals **(EN6338)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding immigration and housing availability **(EN6341)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to radiation **(EN6342)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting the utilisation of fixed line National Broadband Network infrastructure around San Isidore, New South Wales **(EN6343)**

From 35 petitioners – regarding childcare services **(EN6344)**

From 65 petitioners – regarding access to safe drinking water **(EN6350)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting further support for youth mental health programs **(EN6352)**

From 1284 petitioners – requesting an extension of the *Coastal Trading (Revitalising Australian Shipping) Act 2012* exemption for the cruise industry **(EN6353)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting that Australia’s economic policies be reformed **(EN6355)**

From 77 petitioners – requesting that consumers be given the right to opt-out of their personal data being collected and used to train artificial intelligence by social media platforms **(EN6356)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting that Medicare rebates be made available for services provided by provisional psychologists **(EN6357)**

From 6791 petitioners – requesting changes to working conditions, remuneration and HECS-HELP loan indexation for Higher Degree by Research students **(EN6358)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding the use of sonar technology **(EN6359)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the prohibition of mouthwash **(EN6360)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting an increase to the pension income test threshold **(EN6362)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting that funding of the Australian Broadcasting Commission be ceased **(EN6363)**

From 14 petitioners – regarding the Australian Government's trade relationship with China **(EN6365)**

Petitions certified on 3 July 2024

From 1331 petitioners – regarding the availability and compounding of the medications semaglutide and tirzepatide **(EN6367)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting an easing of restrictions relating to the employment of internationally trained teachers **(EN6368)**

From 40 petitioners – requesting legislation to preserve koala populations and habitats **(EN6372)**

From 10 petitioners – regarding COVID-19 vaccinations **(EN6375)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding immigration policies **(EN6376)**

From 204 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the activities of the Bhartiya Janata Party within Australia **(EN6377)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps branch of the Iranian Armed Forces be proscribed as a terrorist organisation by the Australian Government **(EN6378)**

From 54 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a database to monitor adverse reactions to veterinary products **(EN6380)**

From 18 petitioners – requesting a cap on personal income tax deductions **(EN6383)**

From 787 petitioners – requesting a reduction in processing times of Partner visa applications **(EN6385)**

From 721 petitioners – requesting that the House of Representatives Standing Orders be amended to prohibit the use of personal mobile phone devices by Members during Question Time **(EN6386)**

From 72 petitioners – requesting a transition period for students affected by changes to age limits for the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN6390)**

From 19 petitioners – regarding the deportation of long-term Australian residents under Section 501 of the *Migration Act 1958* **(EN6391)**

2. The following 12 ministerial responses to petitions were received.
Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 3 July 2024

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting a ban on imported goods produced by Uyghur forced labour **(EN4746)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting that volunteer work be included as specified work in the Working Holiday Maker program **(EN5448)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency **(EN5901)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting additional funding support for the Innovation Youth Centre **(EN5926)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia reinstate funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and cut diplomatic ties with Israel **(EN5938)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting measures to restrict explicit material in public and school libraries **(EN5982)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting Medicare coverage for skin cancer checks **(EN6040)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition regarding the New Vehicle Efficiency Standard **(EN6047)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding medicinal cannabis cost issues and access through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN6049)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia cease funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency **(EN6057)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the Parent visa program **(EN6085)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the establishment of an independent committee to oversee decisions of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency **(EN6113)**

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