

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 30

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

19 August 2024

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament 3 July and 14 August 2024.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 2 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 3 July 2024

From 7363 petitioners – requesting that independent local post offices be able to provide additional services to support communities **(EN6326)**

Petitions certified on 14 August 2024

From 16046 petitioners – requesting that independent local post offices be able to provide additional services to support communities **(PN0615)**

2. The following 55 ministerial responses to petitions were received.
Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 14 August 2024

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting changes to allow self-managed superannuation funds to make capital improvements to rental properties **(EN4442)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding Australia’s policy towards asylum seekers **(EN4784)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the visa cancellation and deportation of an Australian resident **(EN4995)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that gender affirming care not be covered under Medicare **(EN5135)**

From the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to a petition requesting fair and equitable access to parental leave **(EN5229)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that amendments be made to the *Corporations Act 2001* to protect whistleblowers **(EN5240)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that businesses be banned from adding surcharges on non-cash transactions **(EN5358)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition requesting that all war memorials in Australia be heritage listed **(EN5326, PN0599 and PN0598)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting stricter deportation laws in Australia **(EN5560)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding changes to the Temporary Graduate visa (subclass 485) **(EN5768)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting an inquiry into the involvement of Australian citizens in Israeli Defense Force operations **(EN5783)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding access to Health Care Cards for people with epilepsy **(EN5925)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza and that Palestinian Australians be made eligible for the Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment **(EN5932)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition requesting an amendment to the *Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986* regarding timeframes of reviews **(EN5935)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting a review of safeguards and legislation related to cybercrime and online safety **(EN5939)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting a revision of legislative changes affecting the regulation of vaping products **(EN5940)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting a nationwide independent review of Telstra services **(EN5943)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition requesting that an update be made to the Statement of Principles concerning tooth wear (Reasonable Hypothesis) (No. 52 of 2017) **(EN5961)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that Motor Neurone Disease be listed as a notifiable disease **(EN5968 and PN0603)**

From the Minister for Climate Change and Energy to a petition requesting that the Australian Government consider nuclear power for energy generation **(EN5972)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding the operation of the Shincheonji Church in Australia **(EN5983)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that the House identify the former Australian politician who was alleged to have been involved in a foreign interference operation **(EN5996)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding global shortages of the drug lisdexamfetamine **(EN6020)**

From the Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to a petition requesting further mental health and psychiatric care facilities and practitioners for Karratha and the Pilbara region **(EN6029)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to a petition requesting legalisation of the myxomatosis vaccine to protect domestic rabbits **(EN6031)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition requesting the closure of the Joint Defence Facility Pine Gap **(EN6032)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting the introduction of laws to protect the public from emerging communication technologies and remote neuromonitoring **(EN6055)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting transparency about any form of Australian aid provided to Israel **(EN6075)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition requesting legislation to protect consumer rights for digital software **(EN6080)**

From the Minister for Finance to a petition regarding concerns relating to the *Digital ID Act 2024* **(EN6097)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding sex education for children **(EN6101)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that the number of Medicare supported psychology sessions be increased to twenty per year for individuals **(EN6102)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting the expulsion of Israeli Ambassador to Australia **(EN6105)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia cease diplomatic relations with Israel, terminate all contracts with Elbit Systems, condemn the deaths of Palestinian civilians in Gaza and support South Africa's case against Israel at the International Court of Justice **(EN6106)**

From the Minister for Finance to a petition regarding concerns relating to the *Digital ID Act 2024* **(EN6115)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that all immigration be suspended **(EN6119)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the accessibility of reusable cannabis vaping devices **(EN6127)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding cancellation of the visas of people who fail the character test **(EN6138)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government impose sanctions on Israel **(EN6141)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting that the *Online Safety Act 2021* be repealed **(EN6152)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding freedom of speech and freedom of the press **(EN6169)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia formally recognise the state of Palestine **(EN6173)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that the ban on the personal importation of vaping products be lifted **(EN6174)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding the discontinuation of the pharmaceutical product Normacol Plus **(EN6178)**

From the Assistant Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting the establishment of a royal commission into family violence **(EN6193)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition requesting the re-implementation of flight curfews in South Australia **(EN6199)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition regarding the new Commonwealth Prac Payment **(EN6207)**

From the Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention to a petition requesting legislation to facilitate involuntary mental health treatment for children **(EN6209)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding Australia's COVID-19 vaccination program **(EN6210)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government commit to further funding for humanitarian aid and support for Palestine **(EN6212)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme to a petition requesting that a provider be deregistered from the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN6218)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza **(EN6220)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting an increase to the Age Pension Work Bonus threshold **(EN6227)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting legislation to strengthen whistleblower protections **(EN6230)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition requesting that eligibility for the Commonwealth Prac Payment scheme be widened to include medical students **(EN6249)**

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