

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 8 OF 2021

5 August 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 4 August 2021 at 7.12 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Ensuring Northern Territory Rights Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 6 October 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 5) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 August 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Equity Investments and Other Measures) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 August 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Education Services for Overseas Students (Registration Charges) Amendment Bill 2021
 - Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Amendment Bill 2021
 - Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment (Cost Recovery and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (Charges) Amendment Bill 2021
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care Subsidy) Bill 2021
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (COVID-19 Economic Response No. 2) Bill 2021.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Biosecurity Amendment (No Crime to Return Home) Bill 2021
 - Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (Sunsetting Review and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Customs Amendment (2022 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2021
 - Customs Amendment (Banning Goods Produced By Forced Labour) Bill 2021
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (2022 Harmonized System Changes) Bill 2021
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2021
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Dental Benefits Amendment Bill 2021
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019

- Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
- Independent National Security Legislation Monitor Amendment Bill 2021
- International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2021
- Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Transparency and Cost Recovery) Bill 2021
- Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Improved Grants Reporting) Bill 2021
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Royal Commissions Amendment (Protection of Information) Bill 2021
- Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021
- Social Security Amendment (COVID-19 Supplement) Bill 2020
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

5 August 2021

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Ensuring Northern Territory Rights Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

1. How this bill will align Commonwealth involvement with laws of the Northern Territory similar to the Commonwealth's involvement with laws of Australian states.
2. The benefits that will be delivered to Northern Territorians through having legal rights that are equivalent to residents of Australian states.
3. Outcomes that may be achieved through the removal of: (a) Limitations applying to the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly pertaining to the acquisition of property on just terms, (b) Laws that limit the ability of the Northern Legislative Assembly to legislate for voluntary assisted dying if the Legislative Assembly chooses to do so, and (c) Limitations on the ability of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly to make laws conferring powers in relation to the hearing and determination of employment disputes.
4. Referring this bill will allow broad consultation with a range of stakeholders to ensure all have opportunity to provide input so as to gain the greatest understanding of issues that this bill seeks to address, and how the bill, if passed, will do so.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Community groups
- Northern Territory Government
- General public
- Social services organisations

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): September 2021

Possible reporting date: 06 October 2021

(signed)



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Print name: Senator Dr Sam McMahon

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 5) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- **This bill makes a number of complex changes to taxation offsets which have been in place for many years. It's important they be properly analysed.**
- **The government have given no rationale for the changes, and also not detailed the costings associated.**
- **People in the screen industry deserve to be heard – they have already been severely impacted by COVID, it's important to know how they will be impacted by this.**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- **Screen producers, screen industry bodies, creative industry bodies, ATO, Treasury, Office for the Arts**

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment & Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Friday 13 August 2021

Monday 16 August 2021

Possible reporting date:

Friday 20 August 2021


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Treasury Laws Amendment (2021 Measures No. 5) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consider the impact this will have on the wider screen sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Peak bodies for screen producers, documentary makers and other industry bodies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Week of the 16th

Possible reporting date:

August 25th

(signed)


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Print name:

Nick McKim

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Equity Investments and Other Measures) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Risk of liability for stranded assets where government makes equity investment in fossil fuel infrastructure projects.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

EFIC
IEFFA
DFAT
The Australia Institute
The Grattan Institute
APSI

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s): September 2021

Possible reporting date: October 2021



Print name: Senator Nick McKim