

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 6 OF 2024

27 June 2024

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Maria Kovacic

Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Senator David Pocock

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 26 June 2024 at 7.12 pm
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Sexual Material) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024, and the Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024, and the Nature Positive (Environment Law Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Excise and Customs Legislation Amendment (Streamlining Administration) Bill 2024
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Withdrawal from Amalgamation) Bill 2024
 - Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Assignment of Medicare Benefits) Bill 2024
 - Payment Times Reporting Amendment Bill 2024
 - Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (More Support in the Safety Net) Bill 2024
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Commission of Inquiry into Antisemitism at Australian Universities Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Communications Legislation Amendment (Regional Broadcasting Continuity) Bill 2024
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - COVID-19 Response Commission of Inquiry Bill 2024
 - Creative Australia Amendment (Implementation of Revive) Bill 2024
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023

- Customs Amendment (Strengthening and Modernising Licensing and Other Measures) Bill 2024
Customs Licensing Charges Amendment Bill 2024
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Joint Committee on Defence) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair and Transparent Elections) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Protecting Environmental Heritage) Bill 2024
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Telecommunications Amendment (SMS Sender ID Register) Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

27 June 2024

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

Name of bill:

Criminal Code Amendment (Deepfake Private Sexual Material) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To ensure there is a committee enquiry into this important matter.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Individuals, stakeholders, and other parties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

July

Possible reporting date:

8 August 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: *Criminal Code Amendment
(Deepfake Private Sexual material)
Bill 2024*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: *Online safety,
Public interest, harm prevention
regulatory reform,*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Public advocacy organisations
Privacy groups
Parents, Principals, victims
Media and technology orgs.*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Legal and constitutional
Affairs Legislation
Committee*

Possible hearing date(s): *July 2024.*

Possible reporting date: *8 August 2024*

(signed) *A. E. Mughal*

Print name: _____

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Appendix 2

Name of bill:

Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024

Nature Positive (Environment Protection Australia) Bill 2024

Nature Positive (Environment Law Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2024

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To enquire into the Governments proposed laws.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Interested parties, agricultural stakeholders, and other individuals.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

July

Possible reporting date:

8 August 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Nature Positive Bills (EPA, EIA and transitional)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Allow time to consider details of proposed legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from: Environment sector, experts, scientists, business

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment & Communications

Possible hearing date(s): August

Possible reporting date: 3 September

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—PRESENTATION OF
6TH REPORT OF 2024—AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE
SENATE ON 27 JUNE 2024**

At the end of the motion, add: “, and:

- (a) the provisions of the Nature Positive (Environment Information Australia) Bill 2024 and related bills be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2024; and
- (b) the Export Control Amendment (Ending Live Sheep Exports by Sea) Bill 2024 not be referred to a committee”.