

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 11 OF 2023

14 September 2023

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 Matt O'Sullivan

Senator David Pocock

Senator Paul Scarr

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 September 2023 at 7.11 pm.
 - (a) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023, and the Disability Services and Inclusion (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Identity Verification Services Bill 2023, and the Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 November 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 October 2023 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 May 2024 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) Bill 2023, and the Public Health (Tobacco and Other Products) (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 22 November 2023 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
2. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Members of Parliament (Staff) Amendment Bill 2023
 - Parliamentary Workplace Support Service Bill 2023
Parliamentary Workplace Support Service (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023
 - Royal Commissions Amendment (Private Sessions) Bill 2023
 - Social Security Amendment (Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment) Bill 2023.
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023

- Defence Amendment (Safeguarding Australia’s Military Secrets) Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Migration Amendment (Overseas Organ Transplant Disclosure and Other Measures) Bill 2023
 - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Domestic Reserve) Bill 2023
 - Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Support for Small Business and Charities and Other Measures) Bill 2023.
4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Ending Native Forest Logging Bill 2023.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

14 September 2023

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Name of bill: Disability Services and Inclusion Act 2023

This Bill will be accompanied by consequential and technical amendment legislation to ensure that the changes in the DSI Bill do not trigger any unintended legislative consequences in other legislative contexts and ensure smooth transition to the new legislative framework this Bill will enable.

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

High public interest. The legislation is a repeal and replace of the Disability Services Act 1986 so it is significant reform.

Proactive engagement with the sector and additional scrutiny by the Parliament will benefit passage of the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Disability Representative Organisations (DRO)
- Lived experience
- Peaks

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee (CALC)

Possible hearing date(s):

2 hearings (accessible format – online) between w/c 25 October and w/c 16 October 2023)

Possible reporting date: Have requested 9 November. Subject to broader Senate scheduling and to the agreement of the CALC Chair, we could manage 16 November reporting to have Senate Debate Week 9.

(signed)



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Name of bill: Disability Services and Inclusion Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This repeals the Disability Services Act and replaces it.
The consultation has not been made public.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

PWDA, WYDA, FNDN and other disability peak bodies.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): Priority is that there needs to be at least one hearing

Possible reporting date: 9th November

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 and Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Consideration of matters raised by the bill
- privacy and security safeguards and implications
- Ethical and appropriate use of Identity Verification Services
- Matters pertaining to consent and access to personal information
- Matters pertaining to the collection of personal and sensitive data including biometric data

Possible submissions or evidence from:

In addition to submissions from members of the public including those impacted by recent data breaches, submission might come from a range of stakeholders:

Digital Industry Group Inc. (DIGI)
Digital Rights Watch
Electronic Frontiers Australia
Communications Alliance
Australian Digital Alliance
Macquarie Telecom
Copyright Advisory Group
Australian Digital Alliance
Reset Australia
Tech Council of Australia
Australian Communications Consumer Action Network
Telecommunications providers

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): November

Possible reporting date: ^{9 Nov} ~~December~~

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Identity Verification Services Bill 2023
Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments)
Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various Stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 9/11/2023

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Identity Verification Services Bill 2023 and Identity Verification Services (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Provide stakeholders an opportunity to speak to the measures in the Bills providing legislative authority for identity verification services.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Allens Hub for Technology, Law and Innovation at UNSW Law

Australian Banking Association

Business Council of Australia

Human Rights Law Centre

Human Technology Institute, UTS

Law Council of Australia

Australian Lawyers Alliance

Electronic Frontiers Australia

Tech Council

Telecommunications providers

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

Possible hearing date(s): TBC

Possible reporting date: 18 October 2023

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Interactive Gambling Amendment (Credit and Other Measures) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Explore scope and impact of Bill and the potential to include other harmful interactive wagering services like, for example, lotteries.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Alliance for Gambling Reform

Charles Livingston, Senior Lecturer and Head of Gambling and Social Determinants Unit, Monash University School of public Health and Preventative Medicine

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

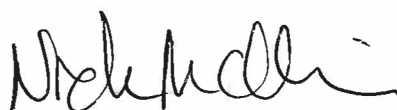
Environment and Communication

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

12th October 2023

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Legalising Cannabis Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- consideration of the matters raised by the bill,
- personal rights and liberties for users, growers, producers
- positive special measures for Indigenous peoples
- practical steps required for implementation including financial implications

Possible submissions or evidence from:

In addition to submissions from members of the public including those impacted by recent data breaches, submission might come from a range of stakeholders:

- Lambert Institute, University of Sydney
- Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, University of Technology Sydney
- Victorian Alcohol & Drug Association (VAADA)
- Unharm
- Alcohol and Drug Foundation
- Drive Change
- The Australian Injecting & Illicit Drug-Users League (AIVL)
- National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)
- Law Council of Australia
- HEMP Embassy
- Uniting Church Synod of NSW & the ACT
- Harm Reduction Australia
- Families & Friends for Drug Law Reform
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- Law Enforcement Action Partnership
- Penington Institute
- Bar associations
- Medicinal cannabis businesses and peak bodies
- Police unions
- State and territory agencies
- State and territory police
- Dr Alex Wodak
- Mick Palmer
- Dr Alison Ritter
- Dr Caitlin Hughes

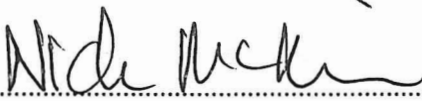
Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): Early 2024, February or March

Possible reporting date: 31 May 2024

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Name of bill: [Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) Bill 2023](#) [Public Health \(Tobacco and Other Products\) \(Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions\) Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Very large changes to Tobacco legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Cancer Council, PHAA, Lung Foundation

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

~~22 Nov~~ 22 Nov

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Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various Stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

September-November

Possible reporting date: 22/11/2023

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