

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2024

21 March 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

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Senator Tammy Tyrrell

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Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 7.10 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies Bill 2024, the Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Charges Bill 2024 and the Agriculture (Biosecurity Protection) Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Agriculture Legislation Amendment (Modernising Administrative Processes) Bill 2024
 - Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Removal of Requirement for a Collaborative Arrangement) Bill 2024
 - National Cancer Screening Register Amendment Bill 2024.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Airline Passenger Protections (Pay on Delay) Bill 2024
 - 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
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Divestiture Powers) Bill 2024
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Customs Amendment (Preventing Child Labour) Bill 2023
 - 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
 - Excise Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Tobacco) Bill 2024

- Fair and Transparent Elections Bill 2024
- Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2024
- Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
- Legislate the Date to End Live Sheep Export Bill 2024
- Therapeutic Goods and Other Legislation Amendment (Vaping Reforms) Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

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

Name of bill:

[Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Levies Bill 2024](#)

[Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Charges Bill 2024](#)

[Agriculture \(Biosecurity Protection\) Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To speak to stakeholders and understand the implications of this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Farmers, impacted stakeholders and other interested parties

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April and May

Possible reporting date:

~~13 June.~~

10 May 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill: **Biosecurity Protection Levy Bills package**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- The Government has committed to delivering sustainable biosecurity funding. To help meet the costs of sustainably funding our biosecurity system, we will be introducing a small Biosecurity Protection Levy on agricultural producers from 1 July 2024.
- To ensure the scheme is up and running by 1 July 2024, the legislation needs to be pass by the end of May 2024.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
- Various industry bodies will make submissions.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport

Possible hearing date(s):

- Likely 2-4 hearings will be required with dates to be settled through agreement with the Committee.

Possible reporting date:

- 3 May 2024



Senator Anne Urquhart