

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 OF 2024

10 October 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 Jacqui Lambie (Jacqui Lambie Network 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

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Senator Gerard Rennick

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 9 October 2024 at 7.13 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2024 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
 - (b) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Reconsideration of Decisions) Bill 2024 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment Bill 2024
 - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
 - Building and Construction Industry (Restoring Integrity and Reducing Building Costs) Bill 2024 (No. 2)
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
 - Cyber Security Bill 2024
 - Intelligence Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Cyber Security) Bill 2024
 - Security of Critical Infrastructure and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Response and Prevention) Bill 2024
 - Digital ID Repeal 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 (Removing Criminals from Worksites) Bill 2024
 - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023
 - Help to Buy Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Help to Buy (Consequential Provisions) Bill 2023 [No. 2]

- National Broadband Network Companies Amendment (Commitment to Public Ownership) Bill 2024
 - Oversight Legislation Amendment (Robodebt Royal Commission Response and Other Measures) Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Extending the FBT Exemption for Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles) Bill 2024.
4. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024.

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

10 October 2024

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Better and Fairer Schools (Funding and Reform) Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Hear from education stakeholders

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Education experts, approved authorities, unions, state/territories, parents and carers groups.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): Week of 28 Oct, week of 11 Nov

Possible reporting date: 14 November

(signed)



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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill:

[Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment \(Reconsideration of Decisions\) Bill 2024](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To allow the Committee to scrutinise this legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Stakeholders and interested parties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

October

Possible reporting date:

14 November 2024



Print name: Wendy Askew

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 12TH REPORT OF 2024—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
10 OCTOBER 2024**

At the end of the motion, add: “and:

- (a) in respect of the Cyber Security Bill 2024, the Intelligence Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Cyber Security) Bill 2024 and the Security of Critical Infrastructure and Other Legislation Amendment (Enhanced Response and Prevention) Bill 2024, the bills not be referred to a committee;
- (b) the provisions of the Sydney Airport Demand Management Amendment Bill 2024 be referred immediately to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 November 2024;
and
- (c) the provisions of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Mergers and Acquisitions Reform) Bill 2024 be referred immediately to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 November 2024”.