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**To:** [Committee, Petitions \(Reps\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Invitation to make a submission - Parliament of Australia House of Representatives Standing Committee on Petitions - Inquiry into the future of petitioning in the House  
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Dear Madame / Sir,

we acknowledge receipt of your message of last week concerning the inquiry into the future of petitioning in the Parliament of Australia's House of Representatives.

We are pleased to provide you with the following information regarding the functioning and activities of the Committee on Petitions (PETI) of the European Parliament.

The objective of the petitions process in the European Parliament is to ensure that all European citizens and residents have the opportunity to communicate with Parliament and exercise their right to petition, which is one of the fundamental rights enshrined both in the Treaty and in the Charter of Fundamental Rights. The petitions allow Parliament, through its PETI Committee, to conduct an ongoing reality check on the way in which European legislation is implemented and measure the extent to which the EU institutions are responding to citizens' concerns. The objective of the PETI Committee is to provide a response to all petitions and, when possible, a non-judicial remedy to legitimate concerns on issues related to the EU fields of activity raised by petitioners.

Petitions can be submitted electronically or in 'paper' form. Information on how to submit a petition can be found in the Petitions Web Portal: <https://petiport.secure.europarl.europa.eu/petitions/en/home>. The section on FAQs (frequently asked questions) provide useful information concerning eligibility and requirements, treatment and follow up, as well as registration and submission.

The EP Rules of Procedure contain, in Title IX (rules 215/218), useful information on the petitions-related process: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getLastRules.do?language=EN&reference=RULE-215>

We would like to draw your attention to the European Parliament resolution of 14 December 2017 on the deliberations of the Committee on Petitions during the year 2016: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P8-TA-2017-0502+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN&language=EN>

Our latest PETI annual report is going to be approved shortly in the EP plenary. It contains useful information regarding statistical analysis of petitions, language, nationality of petitioners, concerned country, fact-finding visits, public hearings, etc. For the time being, you can find it (Report on the deliberations of the Committee on Petitions during the year 2017) at: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fNONSGML%2bCOMPARL%2bPE-623.694%2b01%2bDOC%2bPDF%2bV0%2f%2fEN>

Last but not least, we recommend you to visit the PETI web page: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/peti/home.html>

We remain at your disposal for any additional information you might need.

Kind regards,

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