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Petitions reborn

PARLIAMENTARY petitions could go New Age. A parliamentary committee wants to see computers step in where paper left off, breathing new life into that ancient form of political dissent, the petition.

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Petitions has recommended the Lower House adopt electronic petitioning.

The Lower House would implement an electronic petitions system and website where electronic petitions could be submitted, signed and published.

“The committee considers the House of Representatives should accept electronic petitions,” it said.