



Petitions review seeks public input

A review focusing on petitions made to the House of Representatives wants the public to have its say. Petitions are one way the community can put forward its views to the national parliament.

Since 2008, the House of Representatives has had a Petitions Committee to help ensure that petitions are considered and responded to appropriately. From time to time the Petitions Committee has held public hearings and roundtable discussions on petitions presented to the House.

Now the Petitions Committee has announced a review that will examine the work of the committee, including its role and operations, as well as the parliamentary rules (standing orders) that relate to petitions.

Submissions are due by 11 March 2010 (or contact the committee if you need an extension of time). For more information, visit www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions or email petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au or phone (02) 6277 2152.