



Appendix C: Public hearings and round table meetings (non-inquiry related)

1 September 2008: Petitions presented before 27 June 2008, Parliament House, Canberra

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

- V8 supercar race track Townsville
- Golden Grove Football Club
- Funding for sporting facilities
- Moorabbin golf course/airport
- Port Keats Road, NT
- Ipswich Motor Way and Goodna Bypass

Department of Health and Ageing

- Commonwealth dental scheme
- Dental health program
- Access to treatment for Mesothelioma sufferers
- PBS listing of Alimta
- Aged care in the Hunter and Central Coast

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- Bangladesh Liberation War
- Cluster munitions
- Child soldiers in Uganda, Sudan, Somalia and Algeria
- Middle East
- Australia's involvement in Iraq

Wednesday 24 September 2008: Petitions presented before 5 September 2008, Parliament House, Canberra

Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

- Telstra coverage on the Central Coast
- Post Office at Jewells, NSW
- Traralgon Post Office
- ABC radio broadcasting, Nannup, WA
- Post Office at North Tamworth, NSW

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Department of Climate Change
- Natimuk Lake
- Green and Dock lakes
- Water infrastructure plan - SA
- Building of nuclear reactors or waste dumps
- Olympic Dam uranium mine
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Renewable energy research and development

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- Northern Territory Intervention
- Pension entitlements for former citizens of Latvia
- Funding for housing and accommodation services
- Pensions and benefits

Department of Defence

- Anti-vehicle mines
- Australia's involvement in Iraq
- Beersheba battle site

Wednesday 22 October 2008: Petitions presented before 26 September 2008, Parliament House, Canberra

Department of Education

- Portability of funding for students with a disability
- Funding formula for public schools
- Higher Education assistance
- Funding for preschools

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

- Immigration policy – priority for Christians
- Income support for asylum seekers
- Permanent residency for 410 visa holders

Department of Human Services

- Centrelink services, Morwell, Victoria
- Income support for asylum seekers
- Medicare office, Swan electorate

Thursday 30 October 2008: Petitions from Victoria, Fitzroy Library, Melbourne

Principal petitioners

- Social impacts of khat
- Pension levels (various petitions)
- Income support for asylum seekers
- Disability funding for schools
- Palestine-Israel conflict
- Apology to indigenous Australians

**Wednesday 3 December 2008: Petitions presented before 14 November 2008,
Parliament House, Canberra**

Department of Health and Ageing

- Palliative care on the Sunshine Coast
- Funding for personal care assistants in nursing homes
- Ratio of personal care assistants in nursing homes
- Funding for Kempsey District Hospital
- Access to PBS/Medicare for hyperhidrosis sufferers
- Prohibition of the drug Khat

Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism

- Olympic Dam Uranium Mine

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

- King Street Bridge
- Canberra Airport (two petitions)
- Pedestrian crossing in Athelstone
- Feasibility study of rail options for Adelaide

**Wednesday 5 February 2009: petitions presented before 5 December 2008,
Parliament House, Canberra**

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

- Water security – South Australia
- Hunting for environmental conservation
- Environmental impact of human activity
- Solar rebate scheme

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

- Intersection of Old Pitt Town Road and Boundary Road
- Passing lanes on Bucketts Way
- Feasibility study of rail options for Adelaide

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- Disability and aged pensions
- Social security agreement between Australia and the Philippines
- Rent assistance
- Quarantining of social security income
- Early intervention services for children with a disability

Monday 23 March 2009: petitions from NSW, Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, The Entrance, NSW

- Radiotherapy Unit on The Central Coast
- Funding for pre-schools
- Northern Territory Intervention
- Post Office for Jewellstown
- Environmental impact of human activity
- Abolition of ABCC

Wednesday 27 May 2009: petitions presented before 20 March 2009, Parliament House, Canberra**Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy**

- Community radio broadcasting in central Victoria
- Goldfields Community Radio in Bendigo
- Wanneroo Post Office
- Mobile phone coverage in Walker Flat
- SBS funding
- Sexual advertising and access to internet pornography
- Redevelopment of Commonwealth land

Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

- Relocation of East Gippsland TAFE and development of sports complex
- Waterfall Gully Road upgrade
- Toowoomba Bypass

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

- Death of Mr Renerio Arrogante III in Cebu, Philippines
- Human rights in Sri Lanka
- Whaling
- Social security agreement between Australia and the Philippines
- Iraqi Christians
- Millennium Development Goals
- Conflict in Gaza
- Gaza Strip
- Death penalty in Iran

28 October 2009: selected petitions presented before 18 September 2009, Parliament House, Canberra**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

- Changes to Youth Allowance

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

- Asylum seekers

Department of Human Services

- Medicare branch, Mirrabooka, WA
- Medicare office, Pakenham, VIC

25 November 2009: petitions presented before 30 October 2009, Canberra**Department of Defence**

- Burial places from World War II

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

- Disaster recovery payments for Coffs Harbour and environs
- Forgotten Australians

Department of Health and Ageing

- Medicare funding for dental treatment
- Residential and community aged care
- Change of rural status for Gawler, South Australia

15 March 2010: petition regarding the convictions of Messrs Morant, Handcock and Witton, Parliament House, Canberra**7 April 2010: selected petitions from New South Wales, Parliament House, Sydney**

- Comfort women
- Order of Australia for East Timor
- Burmese Military Junta
- Marriage Equality Bill
- National Marriage Day
- Impact of coal mining
- Lymphoedema treatment
- Flying foxes in Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney

8 April 2010: selected petitions from Queensland, Parliament House, Brisbane

- Toowoomba bypass
- Condition of the Warrego Highway
- Borneo Barracks
- Montevideo Maru
- Medals for former and serving cadets

28 April 2010: selected petitions from Victoria, Parliament House, Melbourne

- Live animal exports
- University funding
- Fuel excise tax
- Excise regulation – microbreweries
- Mandatory detention of asylum seekers

