

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 7

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

2 December 2019

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Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on 27 November 2019.

1. The committee resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 2015 petitioners – requesting a new pharmacy be approved for the Minto, Minto Heights and Bow Bowing area, NSW **(PN0443)**

From 1850 petitioners – regarding Australia’s offshore detention policy for asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island **(PN0445)**

From 1 petitioner – regarding Australia’s offshore detention policy for asylum seekers on Nauru and Manus Island **(PN0446)**

From 55 petitioners – regarding increasing Newstart Allowance **(PN0447)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting the amendment of Clause 329 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act regarding misleading advertising **(PN0448)**

From 1455 petitioners – requesting permanent resettlement of refugee and asylum seeker children in Australia or New Zealand **(PN0449)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting assistance for the family members of Mr Nizamidin based in China **(EN0661)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the state of democracy in Cambodia **(EN0668)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting that Australia resign from and cease funding the United Nations Human Rights Council **(EN0671)**

From the Minister for Communications, Cyber Security and the Arts – to a petition regarding freedom of speech and harmful digital communications **(EN0896)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding adopting a policy of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 **(EN0910)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding freedom of religion and discrimination on the basis of religious belief or activity **(EN0918)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting removal of Items 12 and 28 from the Cybercrime Act 2001 **(EN0938)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding Australia’s water security **(EN0945)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development – to a petition regarding motorcycle construction and handlebar heights **(EN0950)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition requesting access to Australia be denied to anti-vaxxer Robert Kennedy Jr. **(EN0951)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition requesting an increase to the maximum age of skilled migrants **(EN0953)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding freedom of religion and discrimination on the basis of religious belief or activity **(EN0965)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – regarding bail-in laws and a Separation of Banks Bill **(EN0974)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding Australia’s plastic waste **(EN1002)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the decision to close the climbing of Uluru in October 2019 **(EN1004)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding breast implants and cancer causality **(EN1006)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding the Currency (Restrictions on the Use of Cash) Bill 2019 **(EN1014)**

From the Minister for Industrial Relations to a petition regarding workers' compensation arrangements in Australia **(EN1015)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding declaring a climate crisis **(EN1020)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding stimulation of the Australian economy **(EN1023)**

From the Minister for Industrial Relations to a petition regarding economic security for women in Australia **(EN1027)**

From the Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction – to a petition regarding declaring a climate emergency **(EN1041)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the management of migraines in Australia **(EN1046)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia's asylum seeker policy **(PN0419)**

From the Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians – to a petition regarding the continuation of aged care services at Hazelwood House, Churchill, VIC **(PN0423)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

Mr Llew O'Brien MP

Chair – Petitions Committee