

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 34

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

29 November 2021

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Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session on 27 October and 24 November 2021.

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

Petitions certified on 27 October

From 30932 petitioners – requesting there be no mandatory vaccinations for healthy children **(EN3496)**

From 33 petitioners – requesting for the production and distribution of AstraZeneca vaccines to developing countries **(EN3497)**

From 140 petitioners – requesting an increase to rent assistance for ex NRAS housing residents **(EN3502)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting there be no bans on plastic bags and plastic products **(EN3503)**

From 210 petitioners – requesting for animal testing to be made illegal **(EN3507)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting less strict medical and physical requirements for enlisting in the ADF **(EN3509)**

From 30 petitioners – regarding the rights of Indigenous Australians
(EN3510)

From 686 petitioners – requesting to free Julian Assange **(EN3512)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting for all doctors to be able to prescribe
Naloxone **(EN3513)**

From 677 petitioners – regarding political influence over the APHRA and the
TGA **(EN3515)**

From 35 petitioners – requesting a national rework of NBN and mobile
coverage **(EN3518)**

From 67 petitioners – regarding CO₂ produced by human activity **(EN3519)**

From 67 petitioners – requesting an amendment to the *Commonwealth
Electoral Act 1918* to include a requirement for photographic identification
(EN3527)

From 181 petitioners – requesting an extension of the Helping Children with
Autism Scheme **(EN3528)**

From 1224 petitioners – requesting Google and Facebook be designated under
the News Media Bargaining Code **(EN3530)**

From 571 petitioners – requesting the introduction of a vaccine injury compensation scheme **(EN3532)**

From 1213 petitioners – requesting support for the establishment of a Royal Commission into supermarket and fast-food conditions and culture **(EN3533)**

From 372 petitioners – regarding ABC reporting omissions **(EN3534)**

From 332 petitioners – requesting new AFP powers over state police **(EN3535)**

Petitions certified on 24 November

From 566 petitioners – requesting urgent action in response to the crisis in Afghanistan **(PN0523)**

From 75 petitioners – regarding the right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir **(PN0524)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Received by the Committee on 24 November

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs – to a petition requesting a 50 per cent increase in fulltime delegates at the Department of Veterans' Affairs
(EN2442)

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition requesting fair spectrum pricing for satellite internet providers **(EN2688)**

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition regarding the ABC's editorial standards **(EN2744)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia's humanitarian efforts in response to security circumstances in Afghanistan **(EN2764)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding Australia's immigration policy **(EN2789)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting for the Japanese abduction of Australian children to stop **(EN2796)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding foreign interference in Australian research institutes and think tanks **(EN2804)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs – to a petition regarding language testing requirements for skilled migrants **(EN2820)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting the House meet with the National Unity Government of Myanmar **(EN2833)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting official recognition of national missing persons week **(EN2862)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting withdrawal of the COVIDSafe app **(EN2865)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting no mandatory or experimental vaccines without informed consent **(EN2925)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding foreign owned real estate in Australia **(EN2929)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding foreign owned real estate in Australia **(EN2972)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition regarding the GP distribution priority area status of the Hunter Region **(EN2977)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting unrestricted domestic travel during lockdowns for fully vaccinated citizens **(EN2979)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting the full history of COVID-19 PCR test rates nationally **(EN2991)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that certain citizens be allowed to mix AstraZeneca and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines **(EN2994)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting for nicotine vape solutions to be legalised **(EN3016)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that mandatory vaccine passports not be introduced **(EN3019)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting for the use of cannabis oil to be legalised and decriminalised **(EN3044)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that pathology labs report the accuracy of COVID-19 tests **(EN3072)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine be made available for people under 40 years of age **(EN3089)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the environmental impact of sunscreen on the Great Barrier Reef **(EN3093)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that mandatory vaccine passports not be introduced **(EN3119)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting to ban the growing, sale and importation of all tobacco products **(EN3137)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition requesting that Australia’s nuclear power ban legislation remains in place **(EN3153)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that AHPRA implement alternative pathways for outcomes-based assessments for internationally qualified nurses **(EN3168)**

From the Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management – to a petition requesting action on plastic marine pollution **(EN3180)**

From the Speaker – to a petition regarding the House of Representatives petitioning process and the rules for petitions **(EN3188)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding privacy protections for census data **(EN3211)**

From the Minister for Indigenous Australians – to a petition requesting the reinstatement of the School Nutrition Program in Laramba **(PN0516)**

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