

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 9

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

9 May 2023

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Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session in the 47th Parliament on 8 March 2023, 22 March 2023, 29 March 2023 and 12 April 2023.

1. The committee resolved to present the following 55 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

Petitions certified on 8 March 2023

From 161 petitioners - requesting Just terms compensation for the Noongar people of Western Australia. **(EN4808)**

From 132 petitioners - requesting Ban mRNA vaccines. **(EN4810)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting Cancel the referendum for indigenous Voice to Parliament **(EN4819)**

From 11 petitioners - requesting Control inflation with compulsory savings **(EN4822)**

From 91 petitioners - requesting Independent review into the Australian Broadcasting Corporation for media bias **(EN4823)**

From 254 petitioners - requesting Turkish Family Scheme visa **(EN4824)**

From 52 petitioners - requesting Trove is an essential source for researching all historical data. **(EN4825)**

From 1507 petitioners - requesting Parliamentary inquiry into the wind turbine industry in Australia **(EN4826)**

From 3056 petitioners - requesting Australia's Heritage Brumbies Deserve Recognition and protection in Commonwealth Legislation **(EN4827)**

From 218 petitioners - requesting Amend Social Security law to include Nurse Practitioners **(EN4834)**

From 270 petitioners - requesting Reduce the Retirement Age for Aboriginal people in Australia. **(EN4835)**

From 21 petitioners - requesting Outlaw hidden charges **(EN4838)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting Improve rights of employees when made redundant after November 1st **(EN4839)**

From 7645 petitioners - requesting Unrestricted work rights for students **(EN4842)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting Medicare Coverage for Foreign Aged Parents in Australia **(EN4843)**

From 279 petitioners - requesting Medicare improve access to bulk billing GP's **(EN4849)**

From 3875 petitioners - requesting Support Current Victorian Nursing and Midwifery students **(EN4851)**

From 19 petitioners - requesting Withdraw Triple J Sponsorship of the Groovin' the Moo festival **(EN4854)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting National testing for dioxins in Australia. **(EN4856)**

From 417 petitioners - requesting Permanent residency pathway for family members on long-term bridging visas **(EN4857)**

From 32 petitioners - requesting PCR tests - change back to no referral required **(EN4859)**

From 15 petitioners - requesting Add job data to the next Australian census. **(EN4862)**

From 3261 petitioners - requesting Allowing asylum for individuals with non-conforming in traditional gender identities **(EN4863)**

From 43 petitioners - requesting Including onboarding and psych-evaluations to the NDIS worker screening checks **(EN4870)**

From 138 petitioners - requesting Improve access to Medicare for telehealth consultations with General Practitioners **(EN4872)**

From 31161 petitioners - requesting Bereavement suite or room in every hospital in Australia **(EN4873)**

Petitions certified on 22 March 2023

From 12 petitioners - requesting Subsidise EV Conversions **(EN4880)**

From 27 petitioners - requesting Keep Fiasp (ultra-fast acting) Insulin on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN4886)**

From 9 petitioners - requesting Revoke Pauga Extraditable Person notice since Samoan Arrest warrant withdrawn **(EN4889)**

From 45 petitioners - requesting Royal Commission into Murdoch media empire **(EN4891)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting 1000Mbit to our 12Mbit? Country internet speeds are not equitable! **(EN4892)**

From 10 petitioners - requesting Sponsored Tourist visa facilitation for Lebanese **(EN4895)**

From 10729 petitioners - requesting Stop the partner income assesment for the Disability Support Pension. **(EN4899)**

From 3 petitioners - requesting Prepare for war with China. **(EN4903)**

From 231 petitioners - requesting Increase the medicare rebate and financial support to GP practices **(EN4906)**

From 766 petitioners - requesting Give Lactation Consultants a Medicare Provider Number **(EN4909)**

From 603 petitioners - requesting Implement a Commonwealth Harassment Act **(EN4913)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting Reject a National Human Rights Act **(EN4914)**

From 8 petitioners - requesting Batteries in every home to cut the costs of electricity. **(EN4917)**

From 27 petitioners - requesting Stop the cancellation of Single Parenting Payment **(EN4919)**

From 15 petitioners - requesting Cessation of alliance with the USA due to extremist views. **(EN4926)**

From 18 petitioners - requesting Encourage Peace Talks between Ukraine and Russia **(EN4928)**

From 34 petitioners - requesting Legislation to prevent telecommunication companies forcing direct debit upon consumers **(EN4939)**

From 376 petitioners - requesting Pakistan Is Under Facism: Australia Must Act. **(EN4942)**

Petitions certified on 29 March 2023

From 57 petitioners - requesting VC Medal awarded to Leading Seaman Ronald Taylor 20863 **(EN4948)**

From 19 petitioners - requesting Ban executives from failed banks, from running another one. **(EN4951)**

From 73 petitioners - requesting Democracy in Pakistan **(EN4954)**

From 1 petitioners - requesting UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT TO BE INDEX ONLY EVERY 2 YEARS! **(EN4958)**

From 248 petitioners - requesting Free Mental Health Care in Australia **(EN4960)**

From 42 petitioners - requesting Failed outcomes of Australia's development partnership with Sri Lanka **(EN4961)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting Filming in public **(EN4966)**

From 39 petitioners - requesting Climate action: everything, everywhere, all at once. **(EN4967)**

From 77 petitioners - requesting Stop Companies Keeping Unnecessary Data - Protect Consumers' Privacy **(EN4968)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting Free tubal ligation for willing and dumb/
crazy women **(EN4969)**

Petition certified on 12 April 2023

From 16 petitioners – requesting support for Trove **(PN0557)**

2. The following 31 ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 29 March 2023

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting the repatriation of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) gold holdings held at the Bank of England (BoE) **(EN4029)**

From the Minister for Finance to petitions regarding digital identity legislation **(EN4090 and EN4588)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting the repatriation of the Reserve Bank of Australia's (RBA) gold holdings held at the Bank of England (BoE) **(EN4096)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding the stay period for Temporary Graduate (subclass 485) visa (TGV) holders who remained in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN4340)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the conflict in Tigray, northern Ethiopia **(EN4491)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting to replace the Queen's portrait on the \$5 banknote with an image of the National War Memorial **(EN4543)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to revoke protection for companies responsible for supplying COVID-19 vaccines to the Commonwealth **(EN4610)**

From the Minister for Housing to a petition requesting a Royal Commission into housing and homelessness in Australia **(EN4753)**

Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 12 April 2023

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding reporting by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) on a range of issues **(EN3540)**

From the Treasurer to a petition regarding the Medicare Levy **(EN3543)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting the Government privatise the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) **(EN3554)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding reporting by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) on allegations of war crimes made against the 2nd Commando Regiment's November platoon **(EN3637)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting the prevention of the United Australia Party from sending text messages **(EN3665)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the cancellation of Mr Novak Djokovic's visa based on character ground **(EN3861)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting to include Ukraine into the Australian Generalized System of Tariff Preferences **(EN4280)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition regarding accountability of Australian airlines **(EN4362)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition regarding federal legislation for production and distribution of adult media **(EN4527)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition regarding Google's indexing of personal information **(EN4573)**

From the Minister for Trade and Tourism to a petition requesting the creation of "The Defund Davos Act" **(EN4591)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding Australia's treatment of asylum seekers **(EN4601)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the urgent prioritisation of Iranian visa applicants **(EN4602)**

From the Minister for Defence to a petition regarding nuclear-capable B-52 bombers, AUKUS and Marine Rotational Forces in Darwin **(EN4647)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to recognise pharmacists as valid healthcare providers and prescribers **(EN4656)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting Australia Enact privacy laws similar to the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (EU GDPR) **(EN4667)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting the Australian Government to take stronger action against the Iranian regime to stop the execution of protestors **(EN4682)**

From the Minister for Housing to a petition regarding the use of cruise ships to assist with the housing crisis **(EN4686)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting enhanced COVID-19 requirements or restrictions for travellers from the People's Republic of China, including the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau **(EN4722, EN4726, EN4728, EN4731)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding access of Schedule 8 medicines for chronic pain sufferers **(EN4725)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the removal of restrictions on travellers from the People's Republic of China **(EN4732)**

From the Minister for the Arts to a petition regarding funding for Trove **(EN4737, EN4745, EN4747, EN4755, EN4761)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition requesting to change the date of Australia Day **(EN4773)**

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