

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 2 OF 2017

16 February 2017

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Brian Burston (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Sam Dastyari

Senator David Fawcett

Senator Katy Gallagher

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Secretary: Chris Reid
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 February 2017 at 7.24 pm.
2. The committee recommends—That—
 - (a) the Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017 be ***referred immediately*** to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the ***provisions*** of the Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017 be ***referred immediately*** to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 March 2017 (see appendix 2 and 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (c) the ***provisions*** of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2017 and the Diverted Profits Tax Bill 2017 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 20 March 2017 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Prohibition of Full Face Coverings in Public Places) Bill 2017
 - Customs Tariff Amendment Bill 2016
 - Enhancing Online Safety for Children Amendment Bill 2017
 - Fisheries Legislation Amendment (Representation) Bill 2017
 - Parliamentary Expenses Amendment (Transparency and Accountability) Bill 2015
 - Transport Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2016
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2016 Measures No. 1) Bill 2016.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Preliminary Assessment Process) Bill 2017
 - Biosecurity Amendment (Ballast Water and Other Measures) Bill 2017
 - Crimes Amendment (Penalty Unit) Bill 2017
 - Disability Services Amendment (Linking Upper Age Limits for Disability Employment Services to Pension Age) Bill 2017
 - Education and Other Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2017
 - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
 - Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2017
 - Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017

- National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Bill 2016
- Protection of the Sea (Prevention of Pollution from Ships) Amendment (Polar Code) Bill 2017
- Racial Discrimination Amendment Bill 2016
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (GST Low Value Goods) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Working Holiday Maker Employer Register) Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Australian Broadcasting Corporations Amendment (Restoring Shortwave Radio) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Consideration of the impact of the requirement for the ABC to retain its shortwave radio transmission radio service provided in the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

The ABC
Australian Strategic and Policy Institute
Friends of the ABC
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Department of Communications

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

3 April 2017

Possible reporting date:

10 May 2016

(signed)


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Print name: Senator Skye-Kakoschke-Moore

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

This is legislation which proposes changes to the Native Title Act. The recognition and protection of native title is important to Indigenous Australians and the broader Australian community.

It is appropriate and responsible for the Senate to properly examine the impact of proposed amendments to native title law.

Possible submissions or evidence from:


Attorney-General's Department
Native Title Law Council
National Native Title Council
National Native Title Tribunal
Native Title Services
Australian Law Reform Commission
Minerals Council of Australia
National Parks Associations

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): to be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: 17 March 2017

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Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Native Title Amendment (Indigenous Land Use Agreements) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Stakeholder views on the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from: National Native Title Council, Northern Land Council, Kimberley Land Council, South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council, Central Land Council, Wangan and Jagalingou (W&J) Traditional Owners Council and other Native Title groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: 27 March 2017

(signed)

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Print name:

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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2017
- Diverted Profits Tax Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Impact of these bills on the Australian government's budget position.
- Impact of these bills on the investment environment.
- Impact of these bills on equality.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Business sector.
- Trade unions.
- Social justice sector.
- Academics.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

- Early March; April

Possible reporting date:

9th May 2017

(signed)


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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert