

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 4 OF 2017**

*30 March 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)

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Secretary: Chris Reid  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 29 March 2017 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 10 May 2017 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Parliamentary Business Resources Bill 2017 and the Parliamentary Business Resources (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 9 May 2017 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (e) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 June 2017 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Australian Immunisation Register and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
  - Communications Legislation Amendment (SBS Advertising Flexibility) Bill 2017
  - Competition and Consumer Legislation Amendment (Small Business Access to Justice) Bill 2017
  - Renew Australia Bill 2016.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Bill 2017
  - ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Collection) Bill 2017
  - ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2017

- Communication Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2017
- Competition and Consumer Amendment (Competition Policy Review) Bill 2017
- Crimes Legislation Amendment (Powers, Offences and Other Measures) Bill 2017
- Defence Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
- Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
- End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
- Fair Work Amendment (Pay Protection) Bill 2017
- National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Annual Registration Charge) Bill 2017  
National Vocational Education and Training Regulator (Charges) Amendment (Annual Registration Charge) Bill 2017
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
- Petroleum and Other Fuels Reporting Bill 2017  
Petroleum and Other Fuels Reporting (Consequential Amendments Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
- Primary Industries Research and Development Amendment Bill 2017
- Prime Minister and Cabinet Legislation Amendment (2017 Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Enterprise Incentives No. 1) Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

30 March 2017

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

**Name of bill:**

Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Amendment Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

The bill makes potentially sig changes to how carbon credits are determined

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Environmental groups  
Companies involved in carbon farming  
Academic orgs  
Department of Energy

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

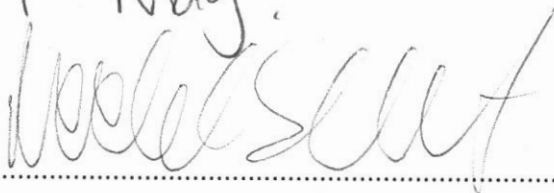
Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

9<sup>th</sup> May

(signed)

  
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Print name: Senator Rachel Siewert

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**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Civil Law and Justice Legislation Amendment Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

This Bill amends the Family Law Act 1975.

Family law has a significant and wide-ranging impact on Australian families, particularly in the context of relationship breakdown. The family law system plays an important role in the resolution of property settlements and the care of children.

It is appropriate and responsible for the Senate to properly examine the impact of proposed changes to family law.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Family Law Council  
Attorney-General's Department  
Law Council of Australia  
Family Court of Australia  
Federal Circuit Court of Australia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** Wednesday 10 May



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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

**Name of bill:** Criminal Code Amendment (Protecting Minors Online) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

This is legislation which proposes changes to the criminal law. The criminal law has a significant impact on the rights and obligations of the Australian people, including potentially the ability to see them deprived of their liberty.

It is appropriate and responsible for the Senate to properly examine the impact of proposed criminal laws.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Attorney-General's Department  
Australian Law Reform Commission  
Australian Federal Police  
Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions  
Australian Human Rights Commission  
Carly Ryan Foundation

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Legal & Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** Friday 2 June or Friday 16 June

**Possible reporting date:** Thursday 19 June

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

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**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Parliamentary Business Resources (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Interrogate the definitions of "parliamentary business" and "dominant purpose" to ensure community expectations are met.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

1. Chris Aulich- Professor of Public Administration , University of Canberra
2. Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 12 May 2017

Possible reporting date: ~~19~~ May 2017 9<sup>th</sup> May

(signed)



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Print name: \_\_\_\_\_ Senator Rachel Siewert



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

**Name of bill:**

Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

To consider and scrutinise the full detail and impact of the Omnibus Bill

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Ex-Service Organisations and other interested parties

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the committee

**Possible reporting date:**

13 June 2017



Senator Anne Urquhart