

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 9 of 2013*

*14 November 2013*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Helen Kroger (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne McEwen (Opposition Whip)

Senator Bridget McKenzie (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Catryna Bilyk

Senator David Bushby

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Senator Claire Moore

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 9 OF 2013

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 13 November 2013 at 7.28 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) contingent upon their introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and the Building and Construction Industry (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 1 and 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013, Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013, Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013, Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013 and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 3 and 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Above the Line Voting) Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting Wednesday in March 2014 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) contingent upon its introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report, **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendices 6 and 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2013 (see appendix 8 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (f) the Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation

Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting Wednesday in February 2014 (see appendix 9 for a statement of reasons for referral).

3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Commonwealth Inscribed Stock Amendment Bill 2013
  - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Consumer Protection) Bill 2013
  - Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Submarine Cable Protection) Bill 2013.

*The committee recommends accordingly.*

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Australian Capital Territory Water Management Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
  - Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Commission Transfer) Bill 2013
  - Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013
  - Fair Trade (Workers' Rights) Bill 2013
  - Grape and Wine Legislation Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
  - Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
  - Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Amendment (Australian Grape and Wine Authority) Bill 2013
  - Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013
  - Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2013
  - National Integrity Commission Bill 2013
  - Tax Laws Amendment (Research and Development) Bill 2013
  - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment Bill 2013.

(Helen Kroger)

**Chair**

14 November 2013

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:**

Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 & related bill

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

Detailed consideration of the Government's legislation to re-establish the Australian Building and Construction Commission.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Employer associations  
Employee associations  
State Governments  
Department of Employment

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Senate Education and Employment Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 2 December 2013

(signed) ..... Senator Fifield



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:** Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity Bill) and related bill

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** To allow for adequate consultation and consideration of the potential impact of the re-establishment of the Office of the Australian Building and Construction Commissioner on the building and construction industry.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Unions and union members, employer bodies and trade and labour councils.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 30 March, 2014

(signed) Senator McEwen  
Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

#### Name of bill (s):

- Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions)
- Climate Change Authority (Abolition)
- Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal)
- Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments)
- Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition)

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

- The Carbon Tax has significantly impacted Australian households and businesses. The Committee will review the Bills and report to the Senate on:
  - costs to households and businesses from Labor's Carbon Tax; and
  - the impact of the Carbon Tax on business costs including mining, manufacturing and small business.

#### Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Australian Industry Group
- Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Business Council of Australia
- Australian Aluminium Council
- Australian Cement Federation
- Minerals Council of Australia
- Australian Trucking Association
- Refrigerants Australia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Environment & Communications

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

**Possible reporting date:** 2 December 2013

(signed)

Senator Fifield

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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

**Name of bill:**

Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Manufacture Levy) Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

True-up Shortfall Levy (General) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

True-up Shortfall Levy (Excise) (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas (Import Levy) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013

Climate Change Authority (Abolition) Bill 2013

Customs Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

Excise Tariff Amendment (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013

Clean Energy (Income Tax Rates and Other Amendments) Bill 2013

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (Abolition) Bill 2013

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

To ensure proper scrutiny of these Bills and their impact on Australia's efforts to tackle climate change and carbon pollution.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Climate scientists, economists, business groups,

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

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:**

March 2014

Senator McEwen

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:**

Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill

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

Detailed consideration of the Government's legislation to provide for greater accountability and transparency of registered organisations.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Employer associations  
Employee associations  
Department of Employment

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Senate Education and Employment Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 2 December 2013

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:** Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:** To allow for adequate consultation and consideration of the potential impact of the proposed amendments on registered organisations.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:** Officials and employees of registered organisations.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:** Education and Employment Legislation Committee.

**Possible hearing date(s):**

**Possible reporting date:** 30 March, 2014

(signed)

Senator McEwen

 Selection of Bills Committee member

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

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

**Name of bill:**

Minerals Resource Rent Tax Repeal and Other Measures Bill 2013

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

The repeal of the legislation will provide a boost for the mining industry and remove significance compliance burden

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Organisations affected by the compliance burden of the current tax

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

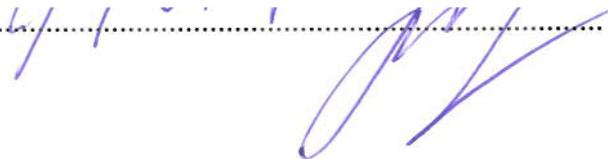
Senate Economics Committee

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

**Possible reporting date:** 2 December 2013

Senator Fifield

(signed)

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

**Name of Bill:**

Parliamentary Proceedings Broadcasting Amendment Bill 2013

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

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. Whether the current guidelines issued by the Committee regarding ridicule and satire are still appropriate;
2. Whether similar restrictions exist in other jurisdictions, both domestically and overseas; and
3. The benefits to the Australian public and public debate of removing the current restrictions regarding ridicule and satire.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

ABC

SBS

Channel 7

Channel 10

Channel 9

Office of the Usher of the Black Rod

Office of the Serjeant-at-Arms

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

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

December 2013

**Possible reporting date:**

February 2014

  
Senator Kroger

(signed)

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**Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member**

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF THE NINTH REPORT OF 2013—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 14 NOVEMBER 2013**

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In respect of the Building and Construction Industry (Improving Productivity) Bill 2013 and related bill, the Clean Energy Legislation (Carbon Tax Repeal) Bill 2013 and related bills, and the Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment Bill 2013, the committees report by 2 December 2013.