

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 10 OF 2017

7 September 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

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Rachel Callinan
 6277 3020

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 10 OF 2017

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 6 September 2017 at 7.14 pm.
2. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Aged Care Amendment (Ratio of Skilled Staff to Care Recipients) Bill 2017
 - A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Amendment (Make Electricity GST Free) Bill 2017
 - Defence Amendment (Fair Pay for Members of the ADF) Bill 2017
 - Education Services for Overseas Students (TPS Levies) Amendment Bill 2017
 - Education Services for Overseas Students Amendment Bill 2017
 - High Speed Rail Planning Authority Bill 2017
 - International Monetary Agreements Amendment (New Arrangements to Borrow) Bill 2017.
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Broadcasting Corporation Amendment (Regional Australia) Bill 2017
 - Australian Grape and Wine Authority Amendment (Wine Australia) Bill 2017
 - Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017
 - Customs Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Bill 2017
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Singapore-Australia Free Trade Agreement Amendment Implementation) Bill 2017
 - Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2017
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 5) Bill 2017
 - ASIC Supervisory Cost Recovery Levy Amendment Bill 2017
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Tax Integrity) Bill 2017
 - Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Vacancy Fees) Bill 2017
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Reducing Pressure on Housing Affordability Measures No. 1) Bill 2017
 - First Home Super Saver Tax Bill 2017.
4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
 - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)

Chair

7 September 2017

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

Name of bill: Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review)
Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Scrutinise implications of Bill on electricity prices, maintenance of infrastructure and energy security.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Energy Industry and Network businesses.
Electricity and gas consumer groups
Unions

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

16 October, 2017


.....

Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 10 REPORT OF 2017—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON
7 SEPTEMBER 2017**

At the end of the motion, add, “but, in respect of the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Abolition of Limited Merits Review) Bill 2017, the bill be referred immediately to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee report by 16 October 2017.”.