

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 33

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

3 December 2018

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Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on 28 November 2018.

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

From 244 petitioners – regarding the Chair of the ABC **(PN0384)**

From 1 petitioner– regarding equalized transport of people **(PN0387)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Regional Services – to a petition regarding reclassification of Deniliquin as a District of Workforce Shortage **(PN0204)**

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources– to a petition regarding export trade **(PN0368)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting a new pharmacy in Bonny Hills, New South Wales **(PN0380 and EN0709)**

From the Minister for Resources and Northern Australia – to a petition requesting that both Kimba sites be removed from the shortlist to host the National Radioactive Waste Management facility **(PN0381)**

From the Minister for Energy – to a petition regarding the health effects of energy efficient lighting **(EN0590)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting the legalisation of cannabis for adult use **(EN0596)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the House determine where responsibility lies for prosecuting breaches of S44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN0615)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting that Australia become a cashless economy and conduct all business by electronic funds transfer **(EN0616)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting changes to the Child Support Act **(EN0630)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting changes to the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Encouraging Self-sufficiency for Newly Arrived Migrants) Bill 2018 **(EN0634)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting that the mandatory registration of all child protection workers (Braxton’s Law) be implemented in Australia **(EN0641)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Deputy Prime Minister – to a petition requesting the law be amended to allow higher wattage scooters on public cycle paths **(EN0648)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – Regarding responsible lending by financial institutions to commercial enterprises **(EN0651)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister – to a petition requesting that Parliamentary pay scales, entitlements and benefits be equivalent and not greater than those in the hospitality industry **(EN0658)**

From the Assistant Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition requesting the Australian Government repeal legislation which restricts or prohibits the acquisition of lethal or non-lethal weapons by individuals for the purposes of self-defence **(EN0664)**

From the Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care – to a petition requesting that organ donation be opt-out rather than opt-in **(EN0679)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition requesting changes to Australia’s income support and pension policies **(EN0681)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the creation of a national children’s court **(EN0684)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting a bi-election in the electorate of Dickson **(EN0698)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee