

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 29

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

23 August 2021

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Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.

The committee met in private session on 15 July and 11 August 2021

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

Petitions certified on 15 July

From 86 petitioners – requesting a ban on the use of certain toxins **(EN2801)**

From 29 petitioners – requesting dedicated federal quarantine facilities **(EN2802)**

From 41 petitioners – regarding foreign interference in Australian research institutes and think tanks **(EN2804)**

From 3412 petitioners – regarding the use of the name ‘Persian Gulf’ **(EN2805)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting a clear COVID 19 roadmap to international travel **(EN2807)**

From 478 petitioners – requesting access to Omnipod insulin pump technology **(EN2808)**

From 249 petitioners – requesting more regulations for the solar technology industry **(EN2809)**

From 341 petitioners – requesting the Shoalhaven region be designated a distribution priority area for GPs **(EN2810)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting mandatory organ donation for everyone 18 years of age and over **(EN2811)**

From 300 petitioners – regarding international travel for vaccinated citizens **(EN2812)**

From 3408 petitioners – requesting Operation Vest Australia be introduced Australia wide **(EN2816)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting a stop to mandated English language tests for immigrants **(EN2820)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting the name of Australia be changed to Royston Vasey **(EN2822)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting easier terms for fully vaccinated Australians to travel overseas **(EN2824)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting zero tolerance for violence and gang related fighting **(EN2825)**

From 7754 petitioners – requesting the cessation of medical coercion
(EN2828)

From 33 petitioners – requesting an investigation into epidemiological literature as per the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN2829)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting an amendment to the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN2832)**

From 5730 petitioners – requesting taxation changes to residency rules
(EN2834)

From 33 petitioners – requesting changes to the *Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986* **(EN2835)**

From 60 petitioners – requesting the COVID-19 support supplement be reintroduced **(EN2837)**

From 2082 petitioners – requesting international travel be allowed for vaccinated citizens **(EN2839)**

From 53 petitioners – requesting the donation of AstraZeneca vaccines to Sri Lanka **(EN2841)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting a travel exemption for holders of the Prospective Marriage Visa **(EN2842)**

From 95 petitioners – requesting a ban on genetically modified agricultural crops **(EN2846)**

From 25 petitioners – regarding the cost of education **(EN2847)**

From 4847 petitioners – requesting that vaccines not be made mandatory **(EN2849)**

From 31 petitioners – requesting further action to protect children from COVID-19 **(EN2850)**

From 54 petitioners – requesting for off-grid, modular, foundationless homes to be legal on all urban lots **(EN2854)**

From 96616 petitioners – requesting alternate treatment options for COVID-19 **(EN2855)**

From 8240 petitioners – requesting that the reuniting of families be prioritised in any international travel roadmap **(EN2856)**

From 156 petitioners – requesting equality for approvals of international travel exemptions **(EN2857)**

From 3559 petitioners – requesting a stop to COVID-19 vaccines without informed consent **(EN2858)**

From 242 petitioners – requesting free emergency and compassionate travel for Australians fully vaccinated against COVID-19 **(EN2859)**

From 2288 petitioners – requesting official recognition of national missing persons week **(EN2862)**

From 53 petitioners – requesting that bus drivers be included as frontline workers and prioritised for COVID-19 vaccines **(EN2863)**

From 24 petitioners – requesting the Australian Dollar be renamed to ‘dollarbucks’ **(EN2864)**

From 150 petitioners – requesting a withdrawal of the COVID Safe app **(EN2865)**

From 4712 petitioners – regarding passenger caps on international travel **(EN2867)**

From 7048 petitioners – requesting that the AstraZeneca vaccine be donated to Bangladesh on humanitarian grounds **(EN2869)**

From 35 petitioners – requesting the Census not be compulsory **(EN2870)**

From 398 petitioners – regarding international travel **(EN2875)**

From 32 petitioners – requesting the Pfizer vaccine be made free and available to people over 60 years **(EN2876)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting a ban on all wood and open fireplaces
(EN2878)

From 26 petitioners – requesting updates to the petitions system web pages
(EN2881)

From 243 petitioners – requesting that the AstraZeneca vaccine not be made available for anyone **(EN2882)**

From 302 petitioners – requesting that international borders be open
(EN2883)

From 2132 petitioners – requesting that COVID-19 vaccines not be made mandatory for aged care workers **(EN2886)**

From 69 petitioners – requesting that people vaccinated against COVID-19 be excluded from any COVID-19 related restrictions **(EN2887)**

From 69 petitioners – requesting meat resellers be mandated to declare added water content in products **(EN2888)**

From 858 petitioners – requesting for the prayers at the commencement of each sitting of the House be replaced with a more inclusive option **(EN2895)**

From 5903 petitioners – requesting that COVID-19 vaccines not be made mandatory for aged care workers **(EN2901)**

From 48 petitioners – requesting that all social media accounts be made verifiable **(EN2904)**

From 19297 petitioners – requesting that coercion towards medical intervention, procedure, or treatment be criminalised **(EN2912)**

From 2280 petitioners – requesting subsidies for the FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System for Australians living with diabetes **(EN2914)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

Received by the Committee on 11 August 2021

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition concerning the acquisition of Bellamy’s Australia Ltd by China Mengniu Dairy Company Limited **(EN1182)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet – to a petition requesting the House call for a no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister **(EN1246)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting that any assets owned in full or partly by the Chinese Communist Party be seized **(EN1520)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition concerning JobKeeper and JobSeeker payment entitlement differences **(EN1727)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting a referendum for the removal of state governments **(EN1890)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition requesting an extension of the JobKeeper support payment to the aviation sector, or an aviation industry wage subsidy and rescue package **(EN2404)**

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition requesting to expedite works to improve mobile coverage in the Clyde and Clyde North areas of Victoria **(EN2412)**

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition requesting to deny health experts access to the ‘live list’ of online misinformation due to the concern of infringing people’s freedom of speech **(EN2421)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition concerning Medicare Levy payments **(EN2497)**

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition concerning unsolicited emails from charities **(EN2506)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition concerning a motion presented by Senator Malcom Roberts opposing the use of gender-neutral language **(EN2533)**

From the Minister for Communications, Urban Infrastructure, Cities and the Arts – to a petition requesting to make the National Relay Service registration optional for its users **(EN2604)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition concerning events in Tigray, Ethiopia **(EN2613)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition concerning the inclusion of parents as immediate family members as an automatic exemption from Australia’s travel restrictions **(EN2630)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care – to a petition concerning freedom of choice for Australians regarding COVID-19 vaccinations **(EN2633)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition concerning Australians travelling to India to support sick family members **(EN2641)**

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