

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 3**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**28 November 2022**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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**Report summarising the petitions and Ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 26 October 2022, 9 November 2022 and 23 November 2022.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 50 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

***Petitions certified on 26 October 2022***

From 10 petitioners - requesting a ban on all anime (Japanese animation) from being digitally transmitted **(EN4484)**

From 29 petitioners - requesting no GP fees **(EN4485)**

From 22 petitioners - requesting the inclusion of child care worker occupation into the skilled occupation list **(EN4490)**

From 500 petitioners - requesting action on the genocidal war in Tigray **(EN4491)**

From 14 petitioners - requesting an Australian republic **(EN4493)**

From 2 petitioners - requesting the legal age for owning a mobile phone be 18 years **(EN4495)**

From 592 petitioners - requesting redress for survivors of child sex abuse in gymnastics **(EN4498)**

From 32 petitioners - requesting the strengthening of data protection laws for consumers **(EN4501)**

From 6 petitioners - requesting free treatment for all children under 18 **(EN4502)**

From 28 petitioners - requesting support for the people of Iran **(EN4503)**

From 118 petitioners – requesting proven false allegations be penalised. **(EN4506)**

From 49 petitioners - requesting an increase in the validity period for professional year, Naati and English score. **(EN4508)**

From 40 petitioners - requesting the shut down of Iran's embassy and banishing of all associated personnel **(EN4511)**

From 21 petitioners - requesting the Iranian Ambassador be summoned over the protest crackdown **(EN4512)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting the new class of Australian submarines be named Rainbow Warriors **(EN4515)**

From 18 petitioners - requesting a block on international scam calls **(EN4518)**

From 1368 petitioners - requesting reintroduction of covid isolation mandates **(EN4520)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting a subsidised 12 month Diploma of Education **(EN4521)**

From 25 petitioners - requesting Australia stop business with Iran and enter into human rights negotiations **(EN4524)**

From 133 petitioners - requesting action on government sponsored violence against civilians in Iran **(EN4525)**

From 18 petitioners - requesting a stop to ISIS brides coming back to Australia **(EN4526)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting the revision of pornographic media production and distribution laws **(EN4527)**

From 41 petitioners - requesting a reduction in visa processing time **(EN4529)**

From 16 petitioners - requesting a Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for pets **(EN4531)**

From 89 petitioners - requesting support for the Iran protest against the Islamic Republic **(EN4533)**

From 32 petitioners - requesting the Iranian Ambassador be summoned and expelled **(EN4535)**

From 62 petitioners - requesting a reduction in the duration of 491 visas **(EN4536)**

From 5 petitioners - requesting an investigation into how to encourage more voters to vote **(EN4539)**

From 39 petitioners - requesting the Iranian government are held accountable for the death of Mahsa Amini **(EN4540)**

From 17 petitioners - requesting a picture of the Canberra War Memorial to replace the Queen on the \$5 note **(EN4543)**

From 69 petitioners - requesting a visa ban on people linked to Iranian regime **(EN4544)**

From 25 petitioners - requesting a requirement for consumer electronics to use USB-C for charging **(EN4545)**

From 8599 petitioners - requesting the designation of the IRGC as a terrorist organization in Australia **(EN4547)**

From 6304 petitioners - requesting whole-of-life reductions to veteran retirement pay **(EN4548)**

From 12 petitioners - requesting an investigation into the Nunyara Aboriginal Health Service **(EN4549)**

From 37 petitioners - requesting a reduction in the price of diesel **(EN4551)**

From 4 petitioners - requesting Parliamentary reform **(EN4552)**

From 8076 petitioners - requesting mRNA-vaccines are taken off the market **(EN4554)**

From 27 petitioners - requesting a review of the tax free threshold **(EN4555)**

From 20 petitioners - requesting more LGBTQIA+ related questions in the census **(EN4557)**

From 54864 petitioners - requesting the expulsion of the Islamic Republic of Iran ambassador **(EN4559)**

From 13 petitioners - requesting compulsory seat belts in buses **(EN4560)**

From 223 petitioners - requesting a declaration of the current Russian regime as “terrorist” **(EN4562)**

From 7 petitioners - requesting an aged pension after working for 20 years **(EN4564)**

From 26 petitioners - requesting an investigation into the issues forcing doctors to move to mixed billing **(EN4566)**

From 3759 petitioners - requesting the expulsion of Iran's diplomats and sanctioning of officials **(EN4567)**

From 810 petitioners - requesting the creation of a national stuttering awareness week in Australia. **(EN4568)**

From 279 petitioners - requesting that 491 visa holders be given the same rights as permanency residency **(EN4569)**

From 3880 petitioners - requesting urgent action towards the Islamic Republic of Iran **(EN4571)**

From 10579 petitioners - requesting the renunciation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) for human rights violations **(EN4572)**

**The following 18 ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

***Received by the Committee on 9 November 2022***

From the Minister for Education to a petition requesting mandatory first aid training for all school educators **(EN3955)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting joining the EU Digital COVID certificate program **(EN4008)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting recognition of the paediatric physiotherapy skill shortage **(EN4011)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting a comprehensive risk analysis of MBS costs for pain management **(EN4024)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition requesting the removal of maximum attempts for LANTITE **(EN4025)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting consideration of a ministerial appeal for Ji In Kim and Byeong Cheong **(PN0539)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting no Medicare cover for COVID treatment for unvaccinated patients **(EN4028)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting consideration of the *No Requirement for Medical Treatment Bill (2021)* **(EN4039)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition requesting the implementation of sexual consent education in schools **(EN4047)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting military and financial assistance to help repel Russian aggression **(EN4051)**

***Received by the Committee on 23 November 2022***

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition requesting the removal of the kangaroo from the Coat of Arms **(EN3952)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding human rights abuse in illegally occupied Kashmir by Indian government **(EN4023)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting the rejection of control of all global organisations **(EN4037)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting condemnation of aggression against Ukraine. **(EN4041)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting an increase in paid parental leave from 18 to 26 weeks **(EN4056)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the removal of balance of family test for parent permanent visas **(EN4064)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition regarding the validity period of skills assessment for trade occupations **(EN4086)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the reinstatement of abdominoplasty to Medicare **(EN4087)**

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