## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

## **PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 5** 

**Petitions** 

and

**Ministerial Responses** 

**28 November 2016** 

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Chair Deputy Chair Mr Ross Vasta MP Hon Justine Elliot MP

Mr Russell Broadbent MP Mr Scott Buchholz MP

Mr Steve Georganas MP Mr Ben Morton MP Mr Ken O'Dowd MP Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on Wednesday 23 November 2016.

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

From 1356 petitioners—regarding the recognition, retention, restoration and protection of rights of commercial fishers in Australia. **(PN0022)** 

From 258 petitioners—calling for a treaty for the Indigenous peoples of Australia. (PN0032)

From 2497 petitioners—calling for changes regarding mandatory immigration detention for children; and the release of children and their families. **(PN0035)** 

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Immigration—to a petition concerning the governments regional processing and settlement arrangements. **(PN0008)** 

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

Mr Rosś Vasta MP

Chair - Petitions Committee