

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 28**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**1 July 2024**

## **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 29 May and 26 June 2024.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 34 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

***Petitions certified on 29 May 2024***

From 1697 petitioners – requesting the reconsideration of recent changes to age limits for Temporary Graduate visas (subclass 485) **(EN6181)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting reduction of the residency requirements for Australian citizenship **(EN6213)**

From 125 petitioners – requesting that new age limits for Temporary Graduate visas (subclass 485) apply to students arriving after 1 July 2024 **(EN6215)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the establishment of regulations to limit noise emissions **(EN6216)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting an investigation into COVID-19 vaccines **(EN6217)**

From 104 petitioners – requesting that a provider be deregistered from the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN6218)**

From 1620 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government call for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza **(EN6220)**

From 25 petitioners – regarding the sale and serving of alcohol in Parliament House, and drug and alcohol testing **(EN6221)**

From 16 petitioners – regarding law enforcement tactics **(EN6222)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting a pathway to permanent residency for people who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN6223)**

From 274 petitioners – requesting greater flexibility within the Support at Home program **(EN6225)**

From 109 petitioners – requesting an increase to the Age Pension Work Bonus threshold **(EN6227)**

From 28 petitioners – regarding concerns related to immigration numbers **(EN6228)**

From 69 petitioners – requesting legislation to strengthen whistleblower protections **(EN6230)**

From 73 petitioners – requesting the release of an individual whistleblower **(EN6231)**

From 14 petitioners – regarding concerns related to the removal of regional rail corridors **(EN6233)**

From 24 petitioners – requesting a smartphone application for e-petitions to the House of Representatives **(EN6234)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the removal of English language assessments for Australian citizens applying to undertake tertiary education **(EN6236)**

From 8 petitioners – regarding the Australian Government’s energy bill rebate scheme **(EN6237)**

From 8 petitioners – requesting additional funding for the Great Barrier Reef Aquarium Reef HQ in Townsville, Queensland **(EN6238)**

From 28 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN6240)**

From 1557 petitioners – requesting that the live animal export industry be maintained **(EN6241)**

From 284 petitioners – requesting that Support at Home participants be given the ability to self-manage their age care services **(EN6242)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting the cancellation of a proposed 5G infrastructure project **(EN6243)**

From 24 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to a social media dance challenge **(EN6244)**

From 343 petitioners – requesting that a pardon be granted to Mr David McBride **(EN6246)**

From 13 petitioners – requesting that the House protect and promote secular democracy as a system of government **(EN6247)**

From 177 petitioners – requesting that eligibility for the Commonwealth Prac Payment scheme be widened to include medical students **(EN6249)**

From 99 petitioners – requesting the removal of the Capstone exam for prospective Registered Migration Agents **(EN6250)**

From 1922 petitioners – requesting that endometriosis be recognised as a condition resulting in permanent impairment by the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN6251)**

From 18 petitioners – requesting the option of advance payments for Centrelink support recipients **(EN6253)**

From 1342 petitioners – requesting the reintroduction of validation documents for authorised amateur radio operators **(EN6254)**

From 119 petitioners – requesting that temporary work visas be made available to international students who will be completing their studies in July 2024 **(EN6255)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government provide incentives to the building industry **(EN6256)**

**2. The following 19 ministerial responses to petitions were received.**  
***Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 26 June 2024***

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that foreign citizens be prohibited from owning any land or property in Australia **(EN4359)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that the cost of diesel fuel be lowered **(EN4807)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that changes be made to the superannuation guarantee rate to influence inflation **(EN4822)**

From the Treasurer to a petition regarding foreign ownership of Australian residential and agricultural land **(EN5024)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting that the Reserve Bank of Australia hold 2 percent of foreign currency reserves in Bitcoin **(EN5167)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a National War Widows Day **(EN5634)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition requesting upgrades to the rail network **(EN5648)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition requesting the development of a code of conduct for veterans' advocates **(EN5773)**

From the Minister for Education to a petition regarding Higher Education Contribution Scheme repayments **(EN5829)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding restrictions on vaping products and e-cigarettes **(EN5894)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the repeal of legislative changes affecting the regulation of e-cigarettes **(EN5905)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding the Australian Victim of Terrorism Overseas Payment scheme **(EN5922)**

From the Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme to a petition regarding the role of plan managers within the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN5993)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that the drug belzutifan be included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN6026)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the Seniors Connected Village Hub program **(EN6046)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition requesting that the age of independence for Youth Allowance eligibility be lowered **(EN6048)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the Russian presidential election in March 2024 **(EN6065)**

From the Treasurer to a petition requesting a public inquiry into the findings of the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry **(PN0543)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding  
community pharmacies **(PN0573)**

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