

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 26**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**3 June 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 22 April, 15 May and 29 May 2024.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 54 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

***Petitions certified on 22 April 2024***

From 184 petitioners – requesting a nationwide cap on rental price increases **(EN6068)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting rail infrastructure upgrades for regional Queensland **(EN6069)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting honorary Australian citizenship be awarded to Formula One driver Valtteri Bottas **(EN6071)**

From 29 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government assist consumers with the price of groceries **(EN6072)**

From 32 petitioners – regarding legislation related to vaping **(EN6074)**

From 543 petitioners – requesting transparency about any form of Australian aid provided to Israel **(EN6075)**

From 31 petitioners – regarding conversion therapy and the rights of transgender individuals **(EN6077)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into the National Broadband Network **(EN6078)**

From 10114 petitioners – requesting legislation be implemented to protect consumer rights for digital software **(EN6080)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting that a proposed ban on citizens from Iran and Iraq entering Australia be abandoned **(EN6082)**

From 38 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN6083)**

From 77 petitioners – regarding concerns about the responsiveness and efficiency of the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN6084)**

From 1059 petitioners – regarding costs, waiting times and quotas for parent visas **(EN6085)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting that legal aid be accessible for family court matters involving the custody of children **(EN6086)**

From 263 petitioners – requesting that the proposed construction of an offshore windfarm at Geographe Bay be rejected **(EN6087)**

From 35 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN6088)**

From 22 petitioners – requesting a review into legislation related to privacy laws **(EN6090)**

From 4543 petitioners – requesting the rejection of the Migration Amendment (Removal and Other Measures) Bill 2024 **(EN6091)**

From 65 petitioners – regarding employment requirements for Skilled Recognised Graduate (subclass 476) visa holders **(EN6093)**

From 9 petitioners – regarding access to public and private spaces for companion dogs **(EN6094)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting tax rebates to offset the cost of energy bills **(EN6095)**

From 63 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN6097)**

From 1440 petitioners – requesting the cancellation of all offshore wind turbine proposals and projects **(EN6098)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting that all Boeing 737-Max airplanes be grounded due to safety concerns **(EN6099)**

From 12 petitioners – regarding recognition of Australia's constitutional monarchy **(EN6100)**

From 60 petitioners – regarding sex education for children **(EN6101)**

From 311 petitioners – requesting that the number of Medicare rebated psychology sessions be increased to 20 **(EN6102)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting support for Israel from the Australian Government **(EN6103)**

From 15 petitioners – requesting that boomerang throwing be recognised as an official sport in Australia **(EN6104)**

From 160 petitioners – requesting the expulsion of the Israeli Ambassador to Australia **(EN6105)**

From 16391 petitioners – requesting that Australia cease diplomatic relations with Israel, cease military exports to Israel, terminate all contracts with Elbit Systems, condemn the deaths of Palestinian civilians in Gaza and support South Africa’s case against Israel at the International Court of Justice **(EN6106)**

From 17 petitioners – regarding management of the National Disability Insurance Scheme **(EN6107)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6108)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6109)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the development of a nuclear fusion energy industry in Australia **(EN6110)**

From 324 petitioners – requesting independent oversight of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Board of Australia **(EN6113)**

From 1116 petitioners – regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN6115)**

From 59 petitioners – regarding Employer Nomination Scheme (subclass 186) visa applicants **(EN6116)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting that drospirenone be added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme **(EN6117)**

From 84 petitioners – requesting that the severity of criminal penalties for child sex offenders be increased **(EN6118)**

From 426 petitioners – requesting that all immigration be suspended **(EN6119)**

From 43 petitioners – requesting that the pending shutdown of the 3G network be suspended **(EN6120)**

From 50 petitioners – regarding the Australian Government’s Net Zero Plan **(EN6121)**

From 113 petitioners – requesting information about the memorandum of understanding signed by Australia and Israel in 2017 **(EN6122)**

From 68 petitioners – regarding concerns related to the 5G network and associated infrastructure **(EN6123)**

From 2189 petitioners – regarding the accessibility of reusable cannabis vaping devices **(EN6127)**

From 70 petitioners – requesting that the Taliban be proscribed as a terrorist organisation **(EN6128)**

From 22 petitioners – requesting that olaparib be added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for the treatment of pancreatic cancer **(EN6130)**

From 307 petitioners – requesting legislation to protect the Great Artesian Basin **(EN6134)**

From 16 petitioners – regarding Israeli refugees **(EN6136)**

From 237 petitioners – regarding the power that the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship has to cancel the visas of non-citizens on character grounds **(EN6138)**

From 27 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a National Day of Unity in Australia **(EN6139)**

***Petitions certified on 15 May 2024***

From 35 petitioners – requesting that Australia ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons **(PN0606)**

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

From 1318 petitioners – requesting that an F/A-18 ‘Classic’ Hornet be allocated to the Queensland Air Museum **(PN0608)**

**2. The following 26 ministerial responses to petitions were received.  
*Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 15 May 2024***

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN3547)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN3568)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN3728)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN3754)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN3778, EN3783, EN3784, EN3785, EN3809, EN3811 and EN3813)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting that that Windsor and Richmond, New South Wales, be included in the definition of designated regional areas in relation to Australia’s Migration Strategy **(EN4282)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting an inquiry into whether the Australian Broadcasting Corporation displays bias in its selection and broadcast of political interviewees and commentators **(EN5572)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting that the residency requirements to be eligible to apply for the Permanent Residence (Skilled Regional) visa (subclass 191) be reduced **(EN5594)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting a reduction in the work experience requirements for permanent residence for Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (subclass 494) visa holders **(EN5672)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the establishment of a permanent residency pathway for temporary residents who lived and worked in Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic **(EN5695)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting an extension of 'specified work' for tourism and hospitality under the Working Holiday Maker program to the Victorian High Country **(EN5767)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia provide humanitarian support to Palestinians fleeing the conflict in Gaza **(EN5793)**

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs to a petition requesting the reinstatement of a visa for a former long-term Australian resident **(PN0587)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting improved mobile phone coverage to the local area of Texas, Queensland, and surrounding suburbs **(PN0589)**

***Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 29 May 2024***

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts to a petition regarding subsidies allocated to road transport and rail infrastructure **(EN5653)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting that whistleblower protections be strengthened **(EN5691)**



From the Minister for Finance to a petition regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN5749)**

From the Minister for Finance to a petition regarding concerns relating to the Digital ID Bill 2024 **(EN5751)**

From the Attorney-General to a petition requesting that the Australian Government legislate to prevent Australian citizens from serving in the Israel Defense Forces **(EN5771)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding the Australian Securities and Investments Commission supervisory cost recovery levy **(EN5784)**

From the Minister for Financial Services to a petition regarding the role of cash as a form of payment **(EN5808)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to a petition regarding the transparency of information sharing relating to the Medicines Advice and Therapeutics Education Services program **(EN5853)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that lipoedema be recognised by Medicare **(EN5889)**

From the Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories to a petition requesting an update and expansion of the Centenary of Women's Suffrage Commemorative Fountain **(EN5895)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting that medicinal cannabis be included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme due to cost and accessibility **(EN5923)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting that Australia sign and ratify the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons **(PN0593)**

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