

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2021

25 February 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Perin Davey (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

Senator Pauline Hanson (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Raff Ciccone

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator Jacqui Lambie

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator Rex Patrick

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 24 February 2021 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 December 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 June 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Online Safety Bill 2021 and Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 March 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (d) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 March 2021 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Education Legislation Amendment (2021 Measures No. 1) Bill 2021
 - Industry Research and Development Amendment (Industry Innovation and Science Australia) Bill 2021
 - Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Extension and Other Measures) Bill 2021.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Biosecurity Amendment (Strengthening Penalties) Bill 2021
 - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
 - Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Early Childhood Education and Care Coronavirus Response and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019

- Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
- Health Insurance Amendment (Prescribed Fees) Bill 2021
- Interactive Gambling Amendment (Prohibition on Credit Card Use) Bill 2020
- Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
- Narcotic Drugs Amendment (Medicinal Cannabis) Bill 2021
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Age of Dependents) Bill 2021
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Social Security Amendment (COVID-19 Supplement) Bill 2020
- Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Student Assistance and Other Measures) Bill 2021
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
- Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2021
- Work Health and Safety Amendment (Norfolk Island) Bill 2021.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

25 February 2021

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Save the Koala) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To investigate the impact of a moratorium on land clearing on protecting the koala and other threatened species.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Environment Stakeholders
Community groups opposing projects in koala habitat
Mining and property development industry
Scientists and Ecologists

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

2 December 2021

(signed)



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Print name:

Senator Hanson-Young

Rachel Siuwest

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Environment

Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine the bill, and allow for stakeholder feedback, with regard to the recommendations from the Samuel review.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Industry and environmental stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

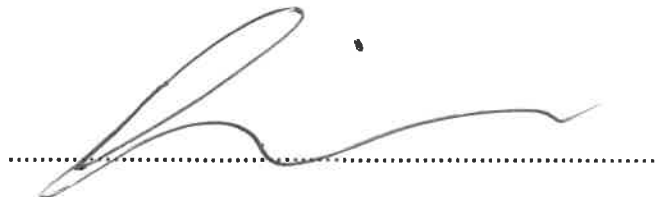
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

31 July 2021

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Senator Raff Ciccone

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Standards and Assurance) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Adequacy and effectiveness of legislation to address failures of EPBC Act and issues and recommendations of Professor Graeme Samuel's report into the EPBC Act

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Environment Stakeholders
Industry Stakeholders
Professor Graeme Samuel
State and Territory Environment Ministers

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

30 June 2021

(signed)



Print name:

Rachel Siewert

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

ONLINE SAFETY BILL 2021

ONLINE SAFETY (TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AND CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS) BILL 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Scrutiny, human rights, internet governance, regulatory remit, regulatory burden.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

List of submitters available at Government consultation pages:

<https://www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/consultation-bill-new-online-safety-act>

<https://www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/consultation-online-safety-reforms>

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

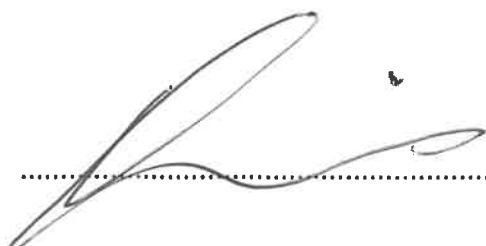
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

11 March 2021

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Senator Raff Ciccone

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- *Online Safety Bill 2021*
- *Online Safety (Transitional Provisions and Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To establish whether this complex legal framework can adequately protect vulnerable online users whilst also having adequate regard to human rights
- To scrutinise the objectives, implications, and obligations of this legal framework for law enforcement agencies
- To scrutinise the objectives, implications, and obligations of this legal framework for tech companies

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Academics and thinktanks
- Business groups
- ICT peak bodies
- Community groups
- Consumer groups
- Other affected stakeholder groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal and Constitutional Affairs or Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s): On the papers

Possible reporting date: 6 April 2021

(signed)



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Rachel Siewert

Print name: _____

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Social Services and Other Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- How decision was made to increase Jobseeker by \$50 a fortnight including modelling and advice sought
- Impact of changes on people living on Jobseeker, Youth Allowance and related payments
- Changes to mutual obligations and new employer hotline

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ACOSS
- Uniting Care
- Anglicare
- AUWU
- COTA
- Social security academics
- DSS
- DESE

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

15/3/21

(signed)



Print name: Senator Siewert

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: ***Social Services Legislation Amendment (Strengthening Income Support) Bill 2021***

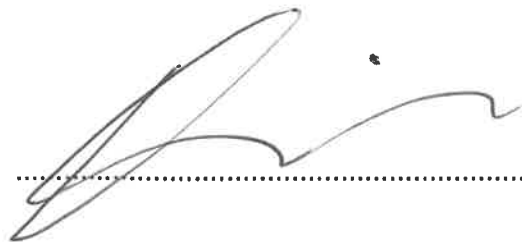
Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: **Social and economic impacts of the Bill.**

Possible submissions or evidence from: **Business and community groups, academics.**

Committee to which bill is to be referred: **Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee**

Possible hearing date(s): **One hearing in the week of 1 March 2021.**

Possible reporting date: **11 March 2021.**



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