

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 12 OF 2021

21 October 2021

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Perin Davey (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

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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, 20 October 2021 at 7.20 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2021 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 16 November 2021 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Corporations Amendment (Meetings and Documents) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2021 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Offshore Petroleum (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 Treasury Laws Amendment (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2021 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Telstra Corporation and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 18 November 2021 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aged Care Amendment (Registered Nurses Ensuring Quality Care) Bill 2021
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
 - Australian Federal Integrity Commission Bill 2021
 - Biosecurity Amendment (No Crime to Return Home) Bill 2021
 - Customs Amendment (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2021
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2021
 - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
 - Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
 - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
 - Fair Work Amendment (Improving Paid Parental Leave for Parents of Stillborn Babies) Bill 2021

- Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
 - Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
 - Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
 - Health Insurance Amendment (Enhancing the Bonded Medical Program and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Health Legislation Amendment (Medicare Compliance and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Human Rights (Targeted Sanctions) Bill 2021
 - International Human Rights and Corruption (Magnitsky Sanctions) Bill 2021
 - Migration Amendment (New Maritime Crew Visas) Bill 2020
 - Migration Amendment (Temporary Visa Extension and Reinstatements) Bill 2021
 - National Health Amendment (Pharmaceutical Benefits Transparency and Cost Recovery) Bill 2021
 - National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment (Funders of Last Resort and Other Measures) Bill 2021
 - Offshore Electricity Infrastructure (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2021
 - Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Amendment (Improved Grants Reporting) Bill 2021
 - Ransomware Payments Bill 2021 (No. 2)
 - Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
 - Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
 - Spam Amendment (Unsolicited Political Communications) Bill 2021
 - Statute Law Amendment (Prescribed Forms) Bill 2021
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Exempting Disability Payments from Income Testing and Other Measures) Bill 2021.
4. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021.

(Dean Smith)

Chair

21 October 2021

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Insufficient consultation on the proposed bill with affected First Nations communities and Traditional Owners
- Potential weakening of First Nations land rights
- Potential weakening of consultation with Traditional Owners, particularly in relation to mining and exploration processes
- Strengthening of Land Council powers
- Implications of changes to the ABA and establishments of NTAI
- Redefinition of Aboriginal person

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- NT Traditional Owner groups
- NT Land Councils
- NT Prescribed Body Corporates
- National Native Title Tribunal
- NIAA
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Law Council of Australia
- concerned Australians

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

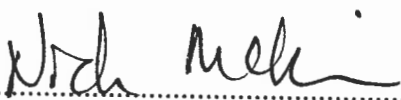
Possible hearing date(s):

Weeks of November 8 and November 15, 2021

Possible reporting date:

2 December 2021

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Print name: _____

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: Large, complex bill with significant implications for the aged care sector

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Leading Age Services Australia
- Council of the Ageing Australia
- Health Services Union
- Older Persons Advocacy Network
- Anglicare
- Uniting Care
- Australian Nursing and Midwifery Federation
- National Aged Care Alliance

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Community Affairs Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date: ^{R6} ~~21~~ 22 November 2021

(signed)


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Print name:

Nick McKim

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment (Royal Commission Response No. 2) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Very substantive legislation partially implementing key recommendations from the Aged Care Royal Commission.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

ANMF, UWU, HSU, COTA, ACSA, Catholic Health, Dementia Australia, Professor Joseph Ibrahim - Monash University (Department of Forensic Medicine).

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Community Affairs

Possible hearing date(s):

8, 9, November

Possible reporting date:

16 November 2021

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

- Corporations Amendment (Meetings and Documents) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To understand the impact the Bill would have on corporate accountability and shareholder democracy.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Listed companies.
- Shareholders.
- Investment managers.
- Proxy advisers.
- Academics.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Economics


Possible hearing date(s):

- ~~December 2021~~ 18 November

Possible reporting date:

- January 2021

(signed)


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Print name:

Nick McKim

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Corporations Amendment (Meetings and Documents) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Significant change to the governance arrangements for companies and corporations.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Shareholders Association, Australian Council of Superannuation Investors, Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Governance Institute, the Treasury, ASIC

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Legislation Committee


Possible hearing date(s):

8, 9, 10 or 11 November

Possible reporting date:

18 November 2021

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Treasury Laws Amendment (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021

Offshore Petroleum (Laminaria and Corallina Decommissioning Cost Recovery Levy) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To consider the impact of the proposed levy on the offshore gas industry.
- To consider the impact of the proposed levy on jobs in the offshore gas industry and associated sectors, including shipping and port workers.
- To consider the estimated revenue that the proposed levy will bring to the Commonwealth, and the estimated cost of the decommissioning project.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ACTU and/or unions such as AWU, MUA
- APPEA
- Gas industry

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Economics Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Week of 8th November

Possible reporting date:

18 November 2021

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Telstra Corporation and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:
Complex bill that requires scrutiny

Possible submissions or evidence from:

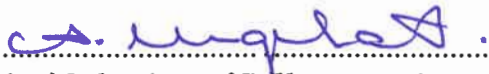
Department
Telstra

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): Early in the November break, subject to the availability of
Senators.

Possible reporting date: Before 18 November. *2021*

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—
PRESENTATION OF 12TH REPORT OF 2021—
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON 21 OCTOBER 2021**

At the end of the motion, add, “and, in respect of the National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Participant Service Guarantee and Other Measures) Bill 2021, contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the provisions of the bill be referred immediately to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 November 2021”.