

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 4 OF 2023

30 March 2023

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Matt O'Sullivan

Senator David Pocock

Senator Paul Scarr

Senator Lidia Thorpe

Senator Tammy Tyrrell

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 29 March 2023 at 7.16 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the Digital Assets (Market Regulation) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 August 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Protecting Worker Entitlements) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 and Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 August 2023 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the *provisions* of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 May 2023 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the Treasury Laws Amendment (Refining and Improving Our Tax System) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 April 2023 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill 2023
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
 - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
 - Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus) Bill 2023
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposals) Bill 2023
 - Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
 - Infrastructure Australia Amendment (Independent Review) Bill 2023
 - Special Recreational Vessels Amendment Bill 2023
 - Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023
 - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023

- Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
 - Ending Native Forest Logging Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023
 - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
 - Fair Work Amendment (Right to Disconnect) Bill 2023 [No. 2]
 - Family Law Amendment Bill 2023
 - Family Law Amendment (Information Sharing) Bill 2023
 - Productivity Commission Amendment (Electricity Reporting) Bill 2023
 - Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
 - Social Services Legislation Amendment (Child Support Measures) Bill 2023
 - United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- National Security Legislation Amendment (Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2023

(Anne Urquhart)

Chair

30 March 2023

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

Name of bill:

**Digital Assets (Market Regulation)
Bill 2023**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred

ECONOMICS LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

Possible hearing date(s):

April to July

Possible reporting date:

2 AUGUST 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askeu

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

Name of bill:

[Fair Work Legislation Amendment \(Protecting Worker Entitlements\) Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred

Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April to May

Possible reporting date:

~~8 May 2023~~ 28 April 2023



(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

NATURE REPAIR MARKET BILL 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Area of multiparty policy interest.
- World first initiative.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- ENGOs (ALCA) • Experts.
- Large corporate bodies • First Nations Groups

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

ENVIRONMENT + COMMUNICATIONS

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:

8/6/2023.

(signed)

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Print name: _____

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Nature Repair Market Bill 2023 Nature Repair Market (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To examine details of the bill including the use of offsets, measuring long-term outcomes, integrity and transparency.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Environment stakeholders, private sector, experts and scientists.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Environment and Communications Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): 5 June 2023

Possible reporting date: 1 August 2023

(signed)



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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Assessment of effectiveness/uptake.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Industry, sector groups, individuals who interacted with NAIF.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia

Possible hearing date(s):

April or potentially on the papers

Possible reporting date:

4th May 2023

(signed)


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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member

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

Name of bill:

[Treasury Laws Amendment \(Refining and Improving Our Tax System\) Bill 2023](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complicated issue

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Sector, Groups Individuals that are affected.

Committee to which bill is to be referred

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

April to May

Possible reporting date:

28 April 2023


(signed)

Print name: Wendy Askew

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—REPORT NO. 4 OF 2023—
AMENDMENT TO REPORT**

(after adoption of committee report is moved)

MINISTER :

To move the following amendment:

At the end of the motion, add “and the National Security Legislation Amendment (Comprehensive Review and Other Measures No. 2) Bill 2023 not be referred to a committee”.