

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 14 OF 2023**

*16 November 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

Senator David Van

Secretary: Tim Bryant  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 November 2023 at 7.08 pm
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023, the Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2023, the Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2023, the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2023, the Primary Industries Levies and Charges Disbursement Bill 2023, and the Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 5 February 2024 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral); and
  - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023 and the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023 be *referred immediately* to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 26 April 2024 (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bill *not* be referred to committees:
  - Bankruptcy Amendment (Discharge from Bankruptcy) Bill 2023
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Attorney-General's Portfolio Miscellaneous Measures Bill 2023
  - Australian Capital Territory Dangerous Drugs Bill 2023
  - Australian Education Amendment (Save Our Public Schools) Bill 2023
  - Australian Human Rights Commission Amendment (Costs Protection) Bill 2023
  - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Ban on Gambling Advertisements During Live Sport) Bill 2023
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Continuing ACCC Monitoring of Domestic Airline Competition) Bill 2023
  - Crimes and Other Legislation Amendment (Omnibus No. 2) Bill 2023
  - Criminal Code Amendment (Inciting Illegal Disruptive Activities) Bill 2023
  - Crown References Amendment 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]
  - Freeze on Rent and Rate Increases Bill 2023

- National Redress Scheme for Institutional Child Sexual Abuse Amendment Bill 2023
  - Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Amendment (Domestic Reserve) Bill 2023
  - Superannuation (Objective) Bill 2023
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (Tax Accountability and Fairness) Bill 2023
5. The committee considered the following bill but was unable to reach agreement:
- Childhood Gender Transition Prohibition Bill 2023

(Anne Urquhart)

**Chair**

16 November 2023

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

Name of bill:

Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023  
Primary Industries (Customs) Charges Bill 2023  
Primary Industries (Services) Levies Bill 2023  
Primary Industries Levies and Charges Collection Bill 2023 Primary Industries Levies and Charges  
Disbursement Bill 2023 Primary Industries (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill  
2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To further scrutinise and understand the matters raised within the proposed pieces of legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Stakeholders including the Agriculture industry and other interested parties.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

December 2023 – February 2024

Possible reporting date:

5 February 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Primary Industries (Excise) Levies Bill 2023 (and associated Bills)

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

Scrutiny of specific provisions

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Department  
Primary industry stakeholders  
Biosecurity stakeholders and experts  
Primary industry research and development stakeholders

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

Late January (if needed)

**Possible reporting date:**

5 February

(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:

Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023

Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To understand and scrutinize the Bill further.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

January 2024

Possible reporting date:

26 April 2024

(signed)



Print name: Wendy Askew

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

Name of bill:

*Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023*

*Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2023*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- These bills represent the second legislative step towards implementing the Government's commitment for Australia to acquire conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines.
- The *Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Bill 2023* (ANNPS Bill) creates a framework to regulate the nuclear safety aspects of activities relating to conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarines. This includes facilities that will support the construction and operation of these submarines in Australia.
- Key aspects of the ANNPS Bill:
  - Establishes nuclear safety duties that will apply to those who conduct regulated activities;
  - Creates a licencing regime for persons to conduct naval nuclear power activities;
  - Establishes a new regulator, the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator, which will include inspectors, who will have monitoring and compliance powers;
  - Introduces offences and civil penalty provisions for contraventions of nuclear safety duties; and
  - Clarifies the operation of the certain Commonwealth, State and Territory laws that would otherwise apply to the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise.
- The Transitional Bill ensures that any licences issued by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) and in accordance with the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 (ARPANS Act), to be treated as Australian naval nuclear power safety licences for the purposes of the Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Act 2023 (ANNPS Act), on commencement of that Act.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Defence, the Australian Submarine Agency; current regulators (particularly ARPANSA); Australian Shipbuilding Federation of Unions; DFAT; ANSTO.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Possible reporting date:  
26 April 2024

(signed)



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