

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 4 OF 2025

31 July 2025

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Tony Sheldon (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator Leah Blyth

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

Senator Jessica Collins

Senator the Hon. Katy Gallagher

Senator Susan McDonald

Senator Fatima Payman

Senator David Pocock

Secretary: Tim Bryant
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 30 July 2025 at 7.18pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2025 and the Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 August 2025 (see appendix 1 for statements of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the *provisions* of the Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Penalty and Overtime Rates) Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 August 2025; and
 - (c) the *provisions* of the Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 21 August 2025 (see appendix 2 for statements of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Commonwealth Workplace Protection Orders Bill 2025
 - Customs Amendment (Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2025
 - Customs Tariff Amendment (Australia-United Arab Emirates Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement Implementation) Bill 2025
 - Great Australian Bight (World Heritage Protection) Bill 2025
 - National Health Amendment (Cheaper Medicines) Bill 2025.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020
 - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2025
 - Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2025
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
 - Constitution Alteration (Right to Free Speech) 2025
 - Copyright Legislation Amendment (Fair Pay for Radio Play) Bill 2023
 - Crimes Amendment (Repeal Mandatory Minimum Sentences) Bill 2025
 - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Electoral Communications) Bill 2025
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fair Territory Representation) Bill 2024
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Fairer Contracts and Grants) Bill 2023
 - Electoral Legislation Amendment (Lowering the Voting Age) Bill 2023

- Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2022
 - Fair Work Amendment (Paid Reproductive Health Leave and Flexible Work Arrangements) Bill 2025
 - Higher Education Support Amendment (End Dirty University Partnerships) Bill 2025
 - Housing Investment Probity Bill 2024
 - Interactive Gambling Amendment (Ban Gambling Ads) Bill 2024
 - Landholders' Right to Refuse (Gas and Coal) Bill 2015
 - Lobbying (Improving Government Honesty and Trust) Bill 2025
 - National Housing and Homelessness Plan Bill 2024
 - Parliamentary Joint Committee on Public Consultancy and Services Contracts Bill 2025
 - Right to Protest Bill 2025
 - Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Amendment (Frontline Emergency Service Workers) Bill 2025
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (Payments System Modernisation) Bill 2025.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Defence Housing Australia Amendment Bill 2025
 - Strengthening Oversight of the National Intelligence Community Bill 2025.

(Tony Sheldon)

Chair

31 July 2025

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Aged Care (Accommodation Payment Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise this legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

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

Possible hearing date(s): August

Possible reporting date: 21 August 2025

(signed)



Print name: SENATOR WENDY ASKEW

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

Name of bill: Aged Care and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise this legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

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

Possible hearing date(s): August

Possible reporting date: 21 August 2025

(signed)

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Appendix 2

Name of bill: Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To scrutinise this legislation

Possible submissions or evidence from: Interested parties and stakeholders

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): August

Possible reporting date: 21 August 2025

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

Name of bill: Pacific Banking Guarantee Bill 2025

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: to provide relevant stakeholders with an opportunity to provide feedback on the Bill.

Possible submissions or evidence from: South Pacific and Australian banks.

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s): hearing on the papers

Possible reporting date: 21 August 2025

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Print name:

Senator Nick McKim