

From:
To: [Committee, Petitions \(Reps\)](#)
Subject: Petitions Inquiry
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Hello,

I am currently collecting signatures on a petition for the Australian Parliament and have the following observations for your inquiry.

1. The petitions process is very convoluted compare to the Queensland Parliament process, which is my state Parliament. In Queensland either an MP or the Clerk sponsors a petition and it is read out in Parliament once complete. I don't see why the Australian Parliament cannot do the same, with all petitions read out by the Speaker/President in each house.
2. Your electronic petitions don't seem to get many signatures, compared to the petitions in the Queensland Parliament. I cannot find the largest petition for the Australian Parliament because the site is down, but I remember seeing a lot of very small ones. The largest in Queensland is over 113,000 thousand signatures. Perhaps this is an indicator with a problem in usability?
3. Not being able to combine a paper and electronic petition unnecessarily and unfairly limits the ability for maximum inclusion of citizens and residents in petitions.
4. I do not know why you need a committee of politicians to run an administrative process that could easily and more appropriately be run by Parliamentary staff.

Regards,
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