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### Standing Committee on Petitions

Inquiry into e-petitions

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## Have your say on e-petitions

The House Standing Committee on Petitions is seeking your experiences and feedback on its e-petitions system.

Launched today, the inquiry will look into all aspects of the House of Representatives' e-petitions system in order to enhance the system and the overall user experience.

Committee Chair Mr Ross Vasta MP said the introduction of e-petitions at the beginning of the 45<sup>th</sup> Parliament has made petitioning the House easier.

“More people than ever are engaging with the House of Representatives via the e-petition system,” Mr Vasta said.

“Petitioning the Parliament is a long-standing democratic right, and we want to know how we can improve our e-petitioning system for all Australian citizens.

“We’re particularly interested in hearing from people who have used the e-petitions system since its launch last year. What’s working well, and what can be improved?”

The Petitions Committee is seeking submissions to this inquiry that address the following Terms of Reference:

- The extent to which the e-petitions system has met the expectations of Parliamentarians and members of the public
- Future enhancements of the e-petitions system
- Other related matters

In conducting this inquiry, the committee will give consideration to the experiences of other jurisdictions that use electronic petitioning systems.

Submissions should be received no later than 24 July 2017 and can be lodged online at [www.aph.gov.au/epetitionsinquiry](http://www.aph.gov.au/epetitionsinquiry) or via email to [petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:petitions.committee.reps@aph.gov.au).

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