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PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday 24 September 2008
Committee Room 1R3, Canberra
10.10am – 12.00pm

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Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Petitions received up to 4 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Telstra coverage on the Central Coast	19 March 2008 (Ms Neal MP)	1070	Response from Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, dated 7 August 2008
Post Office at Jewells, NSW	26 May 2008 2 June 2008 (Speaker)	354 1176	Response from Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, dated 27 June 2008
Traralgon Post Office	25 June 2008 (Mr Billson MP)	3821	Response from Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, dated 28 August 2008 (not yet tabled)
ABC radio broadcasting, Nannup WA	2 September 2008 (Ms Marino MP)	182	
Post Office at North Tamworth, NSW	1 September 2008 (Chair)	441	

For information on petitions received up to 4 September in this portfolio area see
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/broadband.htm>

10.30 am – 11.10 am

**Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts
Department of Climate Change**

Petitions received up to 4 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Climate Change and Water, and/or the Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Natimuk Lake	17 March 2008 (Speaker)	320	Response from officer of Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts <i>on behalf</i> of Minister for Climate Change and Water, dated 11 July 2008
Green and Dock lakes	17 March 2008 (Speaker)	3254	
Water infrastructure plan-SA	26 May 2008 (Speaker)	8179	
Building of nuclear reactors or waste dumps	26 May 2008 (Speaker)	11	Response from Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, dated 8 July 2008
Olympic Dam uranium mine	26 May 2008 (Speaker)	70	Response from Minister for Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, dated 8 July 2008
	1 September 2008 (Chair)	53	
Greenhouse gas emissions	26 May 2008 (Speaker)	12	
Renewable energy research and development	26 June 2008 (Ms Saffin MP)	2462	

Further information (including terms of above petitions) is available from the Committee's website at
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/climate.htm> and
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/environment.htm>

11.10 am – 11.40 am

**Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and
Indigenous Affairs**

Petitions received up to 4 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and/or the Minister for Housing

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Northern Territory Intervention	17 March 2008 (Speaker) 26 May 2008 (Speaker)	90 827	Response from Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, dated 4 June 2008
Pension entitlements for former citizens of Latvia	26 May 2008 (Speaker)	34	Response from Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, dated 26 June 2008 and response from Minister for Foreign Affairs, dated 7 July 2008
Funding for housing and accommodation services	2 June 2008 (Speaker)	1498	Response from Minister for Housing, dated 8 July 2008
Pensions and benefits	23 June 2008 (Speaker)	1513	

For information on petitions received up to 26 June 2008 in this portfolio area see
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/families.htm>

11.40 am – 12.00 pm

Department of Defence

Petitions on issues received up to 4 September 2008 and referred to the Minister for Defence

Subject	Presentation	No. of signatures	Further action
Anti-vehicle mines	17 March 2008 (Speaker)	104	Response from Minister for Defence, dated 30 May 2008
Australia's involvement in Iraq	19 March 2008 (Mr Perrett MP)	1034	Response from Minister for Defence, dated 30 May 2008
Beersheba battle site	16 June 2008 (Speaker)	214	

For information on petitions received up to 26 June 2008 in this portfolio area see
<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/defence.htm>