

COALITION SENATORS' DISSENTING REPORT

1.1 Coalition Senators express deep concern at the decision of the Labor Party and the Greens to refer this legislation for further review, immediately following an inquiry into this exact legislation by the Legislation Committee.

1.2 This References Committee's inquiry has at best been an abuse of process and at worst a meaningless exercise, given that the same witnesses did or could have appeared at the Legislation Committee inquiry.

1.3 Coalition Senators urge Labor and Greens Senators to carefully consider this approach which places at risk the reputation and high standing of the Senate Committee process.

1.4 Coalition Senators stand by the Legislation Committee's report and recommendations of December 2013.

Senator Chris Back
Deputy Chair

Senator Bridget McKenzie