

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 8 OF 2022**

*1 December 2022*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Anne Urquhart (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Wendy Askew (Opposition Whip)

Senator Ross Cadell (The Nationals Whip)

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

Senator Nick McKim (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Ralph Babet

Senator the Hon. Anthony Chisholm

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Senator Paul Scarr

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Secretary: Tim Bryant  
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 30 November 2022 at 7.13 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the Education and Other Legislation Amendment (Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income for Education and Training Loans) Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 17 April 2023 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the *provisions* of the National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 28 February 2023 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the *provisions* of the Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Improvements for Families and Gender Equality) Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 3 March 2023; and
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Safeguard Mechanism (Crediting) Amendment Bill 2022 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 2 March 2023 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Referendum (Machinery Provisions) Amendment Bill 2022.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Amendment (Strengthening Land and Governance Provisions) Bill 2022
  - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Audio Description) Bill 2019
  - Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Lowering Voting Age and Increasing Voter Participation) Bill 2018
  - COVID-19 Vaccination Status (Prevention of Discrimination) Bill 2022
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Commercial Greyhound Export and Import Prohibition) Bill 2021
  - Customs Legislation Amendment (Controlled Trials and Other Measures) Bill 2022
  - Defence Amendment (Parliamentary Approval of Overseas Service) Bill 2020
  - Electric Vehicles Accountability Bill 2021
  - Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Regional Forest Agreements) Bill 2020
  - Export Control Amendment (Streamlining Administrative Processes) Bill 2022

- Federal Environment Watchdog Bill 2021
- Higher Education Support Amendment (Australia's Economic Accelerator) Bill 2022
- Human Rights (Children Born Alive Protection) Bill 2022
- Inspector-General of Intelligence and Security and Other Legislation Amendment (Modernisation) Bill 2022
- Ministers of State Amendment Bill 2022
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment (Medical Device and Human Tissue Product List and Cost Recovery) Bill 2022
- Private Health Insurance (National Joint Replacement Register Levy) Amendment (Consequential Amendments) Bill 2022
- Private Health Insurance (Prostheses Application and Listing Fees) Amendment (Cost Recovery) Bill 2022
- Public Interest Disclosure Amendment (Review) Bill 2022
- Snowy Hydro Corporatisation Amendment (No New Fossil Fuels) Bill 2021 [No. 2]
- Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2022 Measures No. 1) Bill 2022
- Treasury Laws Amendment (2022 Measures No. 5) Bill 2022
- Treasury Laws Amendment (Consumer Data Right) Bill 2022
- Work Health and Safety Amendment Bill 2022
- United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Bill 2022.

(Anne Urquhart)

**Chair**

1 December 2022

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

Name of bill: Education and Other Legislation Amendment  
(Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income  
for Education and Training  
Loans) Bill 2022

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Complex Bill, high degree of  
public interest

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Civil Society, student groups, Universities, government

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Education and Employment Leg Committee

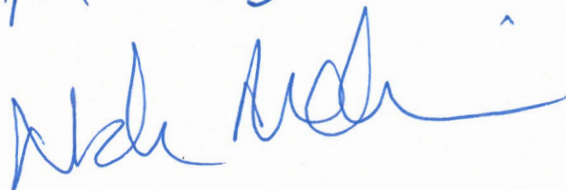
Possible hearing date(s):

Jan - March 2023

Possible reporting date:

17 April 2023

(signed)



Print name:

NICK MCKINN

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

Name of bill:

National Reconstruction Fund Corporation Bill 2022

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Setting up and funding the National Reconstruction Fund is designed to revitalise Australian industry. The National Reconstruction Fund Corporation (NRFC) Bill will:

- establish the NRFC as a new corporate Commonwealth entity;
- establish the NRFC's independent Board;
- outline the NRFC's functions and powers, including its investment functions and powers;
- set out financial, personnel and governance arrangements; and
- establish the power for responsible Ministers (the Minister for Industry and Science and the Minister for Finance) to issue an Investment Mandate to guide the investment strategy of the NRFC and declare the priority areas of the Australian economy.

The NRFC will assist Australian industry, including in regional areas, to seize new growth opportunities by providing finance for projects that add value, improve productivity and support transformation rather than enabling expansion of business as usual. Investment in these activities will help create secure, high value jobs for Australians and strengthen our future prosperity. The NRFC will be able to use a range of financial instruments, including loans, guarantees and equity.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Business Council of Australia  
Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
COSBOA  
ACTU  
Manufacturing Australia  
Law Council of Australia  
Australian Banking Association  
Australian Investment Council  
Financial Services Council

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economics Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

Week of 19 December or 30 January

Possible reporting date:

9 February

(signed)

Print name:

Ample 30/11/22

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

Name of bill: Safeguard Mechanism (Crediting) Amendment Bill

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: To inquire into the provisions of the Bill

Possible submissions or evidence from: Entities who submitted to the Department's exposure draft of the Bill. <https://consult.dcceew.gov.au/safeguard-mechanism-reform-consultation>

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Environment and Communications

Possible hearing date(s): Late January 2023

Possible reporting date: 17 February 2023

*G. Miquel* 30/11/22