

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 3 OF 2020

27 February 2020

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Secretary: Rachel Callinan
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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 26 February 2020 at 7.45pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
 - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Education Amendment (Direct Measure of Income) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 1 May 2020 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (b) the Commonwealth Electoral Amendment (Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2020 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (c) the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 October 2020 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
 - (d) the Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 25 June 2020 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
 - (e) the *provisions* of the National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 12 June 2020 (see appendix 5 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
 - Defence Legislation Amendment (Miscellaneous Measures) Bill 2020
 - Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Improving Assistance for Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Families) Bill 2020
 - Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2020
 - National Vocational Education and Training Regulator Amendment (Governance and Other Matters) Bill 2020
 - Statute Update (Regulations References) Bill 2020
 - Superannuation Amendment (PSSAP Membership) Bill 2020
 - Treasury Laws Amendment (2020 Measures No. 1) Bill 2020.
4. The committee **deferred** consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (Improved Home Care Payment Administration No. 1) Bill 2020
 - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018

- Australian Education Legislation Amendment (Prohibiting the Indoctrination of Children) Bill 2020
- Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019
- Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
- Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
- Galilee Basin (Coal Prohibition) Bill 2018
- Governor-General Amendment (Cessation of Allowances in the Public Interest) Bill 2019
- Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
- Health Insurance Amendment (General Practitioners and Quality Assurance) Bill 2020
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019

(Dean Smith)

Chair

27 February 2020

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: Australian Education Amendment (Direct Measure of Income) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- There is significant disquiet within the non-government school sector about the impacts of the introduction of the Direct Measure of Income.
- Transparency regarding the measure and associated funding commitments has been limited.
- It would be beneficial to provide stakeholders a forum to air their concerns with the Government's legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Independent Schools Council of Australia
- National Catholic Education Commission
- Christian Schools Australia
- Australian Heads of Independent Schools Australia
- Various other independent schools and representative bodies

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

- ~~Late April~~ 1st May 2020.



Senator Anne Urquhart

Selection of Bills Committee

Proposal to refer a bill to a Committee

Name of bill: Commonwealth Electoral Amendment
(Donation Reform and Other Measures) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral: To consider impact on civil society, industry, political campaigns. To consider feasibility of implementations.

Possible submitters: Unions, political parties, accountability experts, non-governmental campaigners, technology experts, AEC, Queensland Electoral Commission.

Committee: FRPA Leg Committee

Possible hearing dates: ~~13 April~~, 14 April, 20 April

Possible reporting date: 30 June 2020



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Amendment (Climate Trigger) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To further understand the current framework and policy gaps in Federal environment law with respect to measuring and assessing emissions impacts
- Further examine the appropriate conditions for setting a climate trigger in EPBC legislation.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Federal and State government bodies
- Environment NGOs
- Academics and scientists
- Business, including those operating in mining, drilling and land clearing industries

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications


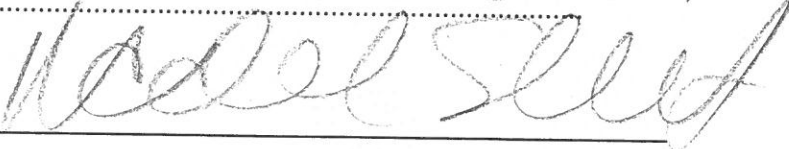
Possible hearing date(s):

- TBC

Possible reporting date:

- 14 October 2020

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: *Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration: concerns regarding human rights and public accountability

Possible submissions or evidence from: Human Rights Law Centre; Law Council of Australia; Civil Liberties Australia; Australian Lawyers Alliance

Committee to which bill is to be referred: Legal & Constitutional Affairs

Possible hearing date(s): 24 April 2020

Possible reporting date: 13 May 2020

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Intelligence and Security Legislation Amendment (Implementing Independent Intelligence Review) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Policy issues that would benefit from input from the affected agencies and other interested stakeholders in civil society.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Australian Intelligence Community
Oversight agencies
Civil society

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Finance and Public Administration

(this is the committee to which other proposals for reform of PJCIS have previously been sent. The bill relates to portions of the Intelligence Services Act which are the responsibility of the Prime Minister under the Administrative Arrangements Order.)

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date:

25 June 2020


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Senator Anne Urquhart

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill: [National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment \(Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures\) Bill 2020](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Process of site selection
- Consultation with Traditional Owners (and the current federal court appeal)
- Rationale and legislative design
- NOTE: Greens and Centre Alliance will refer irrespective of Labor position

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Industry Department and Government
- Barngarla Corporation and Traditional Owners
- Environmental Groups
- Scientific community, nuclear medicine experts, safety expert

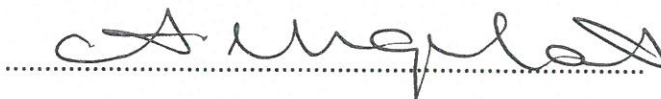
Committee to which bill is to be referred: Economics Legislative Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the committee

Possible reporting date: ~~Second sitting week in May (relaxed)~~

12 June 2020



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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

National Radioactive Waste Management Amendment (Site Specification, Community Fund and Other Measures) Bill 2020

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- To enable the Committee to undertake a detailed program of consultation to achieve greater understanding of ongoing community division on the proposal
- Seek views from wider SA community, where there continues to be considerable opposition and contest from Traditional Owners
- Comprehensive analysis on the need and rationale for the bill, particularly in relation to compliance and consistency with international best practice on site location, facility consultation and development
- Consideration of other factors including transport corridor routes, waste acceptance criteria, facility design and management and operation of facility.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- Traditional Owners, including the Barngarla Determination Aboriginal Corporation
- National and state environment groups, e.g. Environmental Justice Australia and Environmental Defenders Office (SA) Inc., Medical Association for Prevention of War
- Local community groups, e.g. No Radioactive Waste on Agricultural Land in Kimba or SA
- Government agencies, including ANSTO and ARPANSA
- Key researchers from academia.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

- Senate Standing Committees on Economics

Possible hearing date(s):

- TBC

Possible reporting date:

- 12 August 2020

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