

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

REPORT NO. 9 of 2012

16 August 2012

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 15 August 2012 at 7.15 pm.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012 be ***referred immediately*** to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 31 October 2012 (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee resolved to recommend—That the following bills ***not*** be referred to committees:
 - Fisheries Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2012
 - Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No. 4) Bill 2012.

The committee recommends accordingly.

4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
 - Broadcasting Services Amendment (Public Interest Test) Bill 2012
 - International Monetary Agreements Amendment (Loans) Bill 2012
 - Protecting Children from Junk Food Advertising (Broadcasting and Telecommunications Amendment) Bill 2011
 - Special Broadcasting Service Amendment (Natural Program Breaks and Disruptive Advertising) Bill 2012
 - Statute Law Revision Bill 2012.

(Anne McEwen)

Chair

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of Bill:

Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment (Excessive Noise from Wind Farms) Bill 2012

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

In undertaking the inquiry, the Committee should consider:

1. The possible human health risks from exposure to excessive noise from wind farms (defined as power stations that generate some or all of their power from wind).
2. The acoustically accepted definition of excessive noise in respect of wind farms.
3. The type of noise monitoring currently conducted on wind farms.
4. The type of noise monitoring these amendments will require wind farms to conduct in the future.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Various State Government Departments

Local Government Associations

Pacific Hydro

Acciona

Infigen

AGL

TRUenergy

Vestas

Keppel Prince Engineering

Clean Energy Council

Community Associations

Committee to which the bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Economics (Legislation)

Possible hearing date(s):

September 2012

Possible reporting date:

November 2012

Senator McEwen

(signed)

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Whip / Selection of Bills Committee Member