



THE SENATE  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

*SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE*

*REPORT NO. 9 of 2002*

*25 September 2002*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator Jeannie Ferris (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Sue Mackay (Opposition Whip)

Senator Lyn Allison (Australian Democrats Whip)

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Secretary: Rosemary Laing  
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1. The committee met on Tuesday, 24 September 2002.
2. The committee resolved to recommend—That—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002 be **referred immediately** to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for report by 19 November 2002 (see appendix 1 for statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) upon its introduction into the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002 be **referred immediately** to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee for report by 14 November 2002 (see appendix 2 for statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) the following bills **not** be referred to committees:
    - Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment Bill 2002
    - Kyoto Protocol (Ratification) Bill 2002
    - Medical Indemnity Agreement (Financial Assistance—Binding Commonwealth Obligations) Bill 2002
    - Treasury Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2002.

***The committee recommends accordingly.***

3. The committee **deferred** consideration of the following bills to the next meeting:

*Bill deferred from meeting of 19 March 2002*

- Aviation Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

*Bill deferred from meeting of 14 May 2002*

- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (Boundary Extension) Amendment Bill 2002.

*Bill deferred from meeting of 18 June 2002*

- Australian Broadcasting Corporation (Scrutiny of Board Appointments) Amendment Bill 2002.

*Bills deferred from meeting of 20 August 2002*

- Financial Sector Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Occupational Health and Safety (Commonwealth Employment) Amendment (Employee Involvement and Compliance) Bill 2002
- Workplace Relations Legislation Amendment Bill 2002.

*Bill deferred from meeting of 27 August 2002*

- Trade Practices Amendment (Liability for Recreational Services) Bill 2002.

*Bills deferred from meeting of 24 September 2002*

- Australian Animal Health Council (Live-stock Industries) Funding Amendment Bill 2002
- Inspector-General of Taxation Bill 2002
- International Tax Agreements Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2002
- Murray-Darling Basin Amendment Bill 2002
- Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (No. 6) 2002
- Workplace Relations Amendment (Fair Dismissal) Bill 2002 [No. 2].

(Jeannie Ferris)  
**Chair**

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Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

*fill next week*

Name of bill *Renewable Energy (Electricity) Amendment Bill 2002*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*• Windfall gains to existing generators operating under business as usual*

*• Use of native forest waste as a renewable energy source*

Possible submissions or evidence from: *Hydro Tasmania, Business Council for Sustainable energy, Australian Conservation Foundation, the Wilderness society, Pacific Hydro*

Committee to which bill is to be referred: *Env, Communications, Info, Technology & the Arts Legislation C'ttee.*

Possible hearing date(s): *Late October*

Possible reporting date: *Late November*

(signed)

Whip / Selection of Bills Committee member



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Telecommunications Competition Bill 2002

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

To enable industry and consumers to provide views on the competition implications of the Bill.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

Representatives from carriers and telecommunications consumers.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Upon introduction of the Bill (expected in the House of Representatives on 26 September 2002), refer provisions of the Bill to the Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts Legislation Committee.

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee.

**Possible reporting date:**

31 October 2002

(signed)

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeannie Ferris". Below the signature is a horizontal dotted line.

Senator Jeannie Ferris  
Government Whip