

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 29

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

17 September 2018

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Report relating to the consideration of petitions and matters relating to the petitions system

The committee met in private session on 15 August 2018 and 12 September 2018.

1. The committee resolved to present the following petitions in accordance with standing order 207:

From 17,613 petitioners – regarding the Milne Bay Military Museum, Qld **(PN0365)**

From 107 petitioners – regarding phasing-out live animal export **(PN0368)**

From 3,812 petitioners – regarding freedom of religious choice **(PN0370)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding responsible lending by financial institutions to commercial enterprises **(EN0651)**

From 32 petitioners – requesting the NBN retain the original copper wire as a safety precaution for households with a disabled family member **(EN0655)**

From 145 petitioners – requesting the establishment of a Government Consumer Protection Insurance scheme as a result of the findings of the Royal Commission into Banking **(EN0656)**

From 18 petitioners – regarding foreign ownership in Australia **(EN0657)**

From 75 petitioners – requesting that Parliamentary pay scales, entitlements and benefits be equivalent and not greater than those in the hospitality industry **(EN0658)**

From 2,526 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government make representation to the Chinese Government on the status of a missing Muslim Uyghur woman and her mother-in-law **(EN0661)**

From 163 petitioners – regarding prescription and access to medical marijuana **(EN0662)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting the Australian Government repeal legislation which restricts or prohibits the acquisition of lethal or non-lethal weapons by individuals for the purposes of self-defence **(EN0664)**

From 3 petitioners – regarding the establishment of an Australian Embassy in Oslo, Norway **(EN0665)**

From 120 petitioners – requesting the termination of the Australia - USA Force Posture Agreement **(EN0667)**

From 30 petitioners – regarding democracy and human rights in Cambodia **(EN0668)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding the security of Australia's e-health record system **(EN0670)**

From 1,462 petitioners – regarding Australia’s membership of the UN Human Rights Council **(EN0671)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding the legislative powers of the Australian Government under the Constitution **(EN0672)**

From 606 petitioners – regarding the legislation on growing cannabis plants for medicinal use **(EN0673)**

From 33 petitioners – requesting a ban on single-use plastic straws **(EN0674)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting that Australian export incentives be lowered and drought support be increased so that Australian lamb prices remain affordable **(EN0678)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting that organ donation be opt-out rather than opt-in **(EN0679)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting that the Australian Government play a role to ensure free and fair democratic elections are in held Zimbabwe **(EN0680)**

From 42 petitioners – requesting changes to Australia’s income support and pension policies **(EN0681)**

From 7,742 petitioners – regarding the patient status of newborns in hospital **(EN0682)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer – to a petition regarding fees charged on certain bill payment methods by utility companies **(EN0436)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding funding of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) **(EN0562)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding the use of autologous stem cell transplants **(EN0598)**

From the Assistant Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the threat of feral cats **(EN0612)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting an inquiry into Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (CIRS) and related conditions **(EN0617)**

From the Minister for Regional development, Territories and Local Government – to a petition regarding the Northern Rivers Rail Trail **(PN0150 and EN0361)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition requesting amendment to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0221)**

The terms of the petitions and the responses will be recorded in Hansard.

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee