

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 32

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

26 November 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 17 October 2018 and 24 October 2018.

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

From 6,383 petitioner – regarding the treatment of Falun Gong in China
(PN0383)

From 33 petitioners – requesting a vote on a Drought Relief Scheme
(EN0725)

From 45 petitioners – requesting restrictions on coal mining across the Great Barrier Reef **(EN0726)**

From 17 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into housing options for the homeless **(EN0727)**

From 22 petitioners – regarding foreign investment policies **(EN0728)**

From 41 petitioners – regarding Military Superannuation **(EN0729)**

From 187 petitioners – requesting an online poll run by the Federal Government regarding population and immigration **(EN0730)**

From 1,057 petitioners – requesting stricter mandatory sentencing to offenders who sexually abuse children **(EN0731)**

From 6 petitioners – regarding visa applications for Syrian/Lebanese nationals **(EN0733)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting protections for Australian Growers and Suppliers **(EN0735)**

From 10 petitioners – regarding the \$1 tax system **(EN0737)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting the introduction of aged parental leave **(EN0738)**

From 81 petitioners – requesting a review of all parliamentary privileges **(EN0739)**

From 405 petitioners – requesting recognition of traditional Christian holidays **(EN0740)**

From 18 petitioners – requesting a National Referendum to merge the Federal Governments of Australia and New Zealand **(EN0742)**

From 35, 744 petitioners – regarding fuel prices **(EN0744)**

From 3, 753 petitioners – regarding veteran's superannuation **(EN0745)**

From 45 petitioners – regarding mental health policies in the building, mining and farming industries **(EN0746)**

From 317 petitioners – regarding free speech in Australian universities **(EN0747)**

From 587 petitioners – requesting legislation that prohibits the wearing of face coverings in public spaces **(EN0748)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting a review of the standards for food labelling **(EN0750)**

From 15 petitioners – regarding ABC iView funding **(EN0754)**

From 167 petitioners – regarding climate change policy **(EN0756)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs– to a petition regarding permanent residency and amendments to 457 visas
(EN0547)

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources– to a petition requesting stricter rules regarding the live export of animals from Australia
(EN0619)

From the Minister for Health – regarding prescription and access to medical marijuana **(EN0662)**

From the Minister for Health – regarding the security of Australia’s e-health record system **(EN0670)**

From the Attorney-General – regarding the legislative powers of the Australian Government under the Constitution **(EN0672)**

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

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources– to a petition requesting that Australian export incentives be lowered and drought support be increased so that Australian lamb prices remain affordable **(EN0678)**

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

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee