

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 35

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

4 April 2019

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

The committee met in private sessions on 28 November 2018, 13 February 2019, 20 February 2019 and 3 April 2019.

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

From 176 petitioners – regarding TV re-transmission in the Speewah area **(PN0401)**

From 185 petitioners – regarding refugee and asylum seeker policy **(PN0402)**

From 299 petitioners – regarding refugee and asylum seeker policy **(PN0404)**

From 108 petitioners – regarding PKAN Classic **(PN0405)**

From 13,346 petitioners – regarding the treatment of the Falun Gong in China **(PN0406)**

From 481 petitioners – regarding PKAN Classic **(PN0407)**

From 140 petitioners – regarding the receiver strength of ABC Radio national broadcasts in Armidale **(PN0408)**

From 69 petitioners – regarding mobile phone service coverage in Bicheno, Tasmania **(PN0410)**

From 28 petitioners – regarding the proposed AGL floating gas import terminal at Crib Point **(PN0411)**

From 361 petitioners – regarding general practice services in remote and regional locations across NSW **(EN0761)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding water quality in Australian rivers **(EN0844)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting changes to Medicare **(EN0845)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding Australian consulates and embassies **(EN0847)**

From 993 petitioners – regarding the National Firearms Agreement **(EN0852)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding the supply of Pharmaceutical Benefits to Cowra **(EN0854)**

From 7 petitioners – requesting the termination of the Work for the Dole program **(EN0855)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding alcohol tax **(EN0856)**

From 3 petitioners – regarding geoengineering **(EN0858)**

From 3 petitioners – regarding wheelchair access on buses **(EN0860)**

From 56 petitioners – requesting a change to vehicle standards to improve wheelchair access on buses **(EN0861)**

From 467 petitioners – regarding the implementation of the Royal Commission into Banking **(EN0862)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding the management of Q Fever **(EN0866)**

From 4 petitioners – regarding refugee and asylum seeker policy **(EN0867)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting changes to the Newstart allowance **(EN0872)**

From 60 petitioners – regarding student assistance for Master of Physics degrees **(EN0873)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition calling for the Australian Government to reverse cuts to the pension **(PN0024)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the treatment of the Falun Gong in China **(PN0364)**

From the Minister for Communications and the Arts – to a petition regarding the Chair of the ABC **(PN0384)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding natural and integrative medicines and therapies **(PN0388)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding chronic fatigue syndrome **(PN0389)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition calling for the resumption of financial support for school aged children **(EN0109)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding funding for support services for homelessness and women and children experiencing family violence **(EN0136)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding unemployment benefits **(EN0160)**

From the Minister for Human Services – to a petition regarding the introduction of a cashless debit card to welfare recipients in Hinkler **(EN0240)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition requesting a ban on single-use plastic straws **(EN0674)**

From the Minister for Veterans' Affairs– to a petition requesting free medical care for life for former Australian Defence Force (ADF) members **(EN0712)**

From the Assistant Minister for Treasury and Finance – to a petition requesting assistance for first home buyers **(EN0717)**

From the Minister for Jobs and Industrial Relations – to a petition requesting the introduction of aged parental leave **(EN0738)**

From the Minister for Communications and the Arts – to a petition regarding ABC iView funding **(EN0754)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition requesting a first past the post voting system **(EN0760)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting the removal of particular restrictions on certain B12 injections **(EN0763)**

From the Assistant Treasurer – to a petition regarding imputation credits **(EN0770)**

From the Minister for Families and Social Services – to a petition regarding the Child Support (Assessment) Act 1989 **(EN0787)**

From the Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources – to a petition regarding the export of baby formula **(EN0789)**, a petition requesting a ban on live animal exports **(EN0799)** and a petition regarding halal certification **(EN0822)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting the creation of a Federal Independent Commission against Corruption **(EN0792)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting the approval of a pharmacy in Cowra, NSW **(EN0793)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding workplace discrimination **(EN0795)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting the inclusion of dental care in Medicare **(EN0797)**

From the Attorney-General – to two petitions regarding the Sex Discrimination Act and faith-based schools **(EN0801)** and **(EN0802)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition requesting the legalisation of the ownership of Ball Pythons **(EN0804)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the Kyoto agreement **(EN0813)**

From the Minister for Jobs and Industrial Relations – to a petition requesting changes to penalty rates **(EN0816)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting co-payments for section 100 medicines **(EN0831)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding judicial mediation **(EN0836)**

From the Special Minister of State – to a petition regarding the nomination requirements to run as a candidate in a Federal Election **(EN0838)**

From the Minister for Communications and the Arts – to a petition requesting changes to anti-siphoning laws **(EN0841)**

From the Minister for Defence Personnel – to a petition regarding veterans' superannuation **(EN0842)**

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

Mrs Lucy Wicks MP

Chair – Petitions Committee