

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 4

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

14 October 2019

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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 11 September and 18 September 2019.

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

From 60 petitioners – regarding the introduction of an International Human Rights Act **(EN0994)**

From 2 petitioners – regarding making foreign language content in films accessible to people who are blind, dyslexic or visually impaired **(EN1000)**

From 26 petitioners – regarding recycling Australia’s waste **(EN1002)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting that Uluru remain open for climbing and that a chairlift be installed **(EN1004)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting stricter approval requirements from the Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding approval for suppliers of cosmetic breast implants **(EN01006)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting that Mr Dutton MP be referred to the High Court regarding a breach of s44 of the Australian Constitution **(EN1007)**

From 3 petitioners – regarding proposed bail-in banking legislation **(EN1014)**

From 350 petitioners – regarding consolidation of Workers Compensation laws in Australia **(EN1015)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding access by bank scam victims to the personal details of the scammers **(EN1017)**

From 23 petitioners – requesting the House immediately declare a climate crisis **(EN1020)**

From 47 petitioners – requesting that organ donation in Australia be opt-out rather than opt-in **(EN1021)**

From 686 petitioners – requesting asylum in Australia for Hong Kong Nationals **(EN1022)**

From 7 petitioners – regarding ways to stimulate the Australian economy **(EN1023)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting the Australian Parliament increase its sitting days to the same number as the Canadian Parliament **(EN1024)**

From 28 petitioners – regarding Australia’s child support system **(EN1026)**

From 62 petitioners – regarding redundancy payments for primary care givers **(EN1027)**

From 6740 petitioners – regarding the protests in Hong Kong **(EN1029)**

From 5632 petitioners – regarding human rights issues in Hong Kong **(EN1032)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting that Pastafarianism be accepted as a true and real religious group **(EN1033)**

From 493 petitioners – requesting that Pastafarians be granted the same rights and privileges afforded other religious groups in Australia **(EN1034)**

From 43 petitioners – regarding concerns for the welfare and education of boys in our society **(EN1035)**

From 358 petitioners – regarding Australia's refugee policy and in particular Tamil refugees from Sri Lanka **(EN1039)**

From 74 petitioners – regarding Falun Gong in China **(PN0433)**

From 303 petitioners – regarding an increase to Newstart and Youth allowances **(PN0435)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding superannuation arrangements for Australian Government employees and parliamentarians **(EN0002)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding coal mines in Australia **(EN0840 and PN0400)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding new security laws for mobile devices **(EN0876)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the construction of a coal power plant in NSW **(EN0889)**

From the Assistant Minister for Finance, Charities and Electoral Matters – to a petition regarding the protection of farmers from the actions of animal activists **(EN0890)**

From the Minister for the Environment – to a petition regarding the proposed AGL gas import facility at Crib Point, Victoria **(EN0903 and PN0411)**

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

Mr Llew O'Brien MP

Chair – Petitions Committee