

## COMMUNITY TO DISCUSS PETITIONS

Community petitioners will discuss their various petitions at a public hearing conducted by the Petitions Committee in Brisbane on Wednesday.

Petitions to be discussed include the military service of Rifle Company Butterworth, remote region tax offsets, the Racial Discrimination Act, support for sufferers of dyslexia, and the situation of Christians in Syria.

The Petitions Committee's primary role is to scrutinise the hundreds of petitions received annually, to check that they comply with the rules of the House. This includes that they state the reasons for petitioning the House, contain a request for action by the House and refer to a matter that is within the Commonwealth's legislative or administrative responsibilities.

The Committee does not make recommendations on, or implement, any actions requested in petitions but may refer presented petitions to the relevant government Minister for a response.

When a Minister has responded, the Committee considers the response. Then, after presentation to the House by the Chair, on behalf of the Committee, the response is forwarded to the principal petitioner and is included on the Committee's website:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/petitions/index.htm>

Full details on the petitions process are available on the [Committee's website](#).

Public hearing:

**Date:** 19 November 2014

**Time:** 10.00am-1.00pm

**Venue:** Seminar Room, Cliftons, 3/288 Edward St, Brisbane

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