

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 20

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

12 February 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 Wednesday 7 February 2018.

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

From 152 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0206)**

From 881 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Commonwealth Marriage Act **(PN0276)**

From 372 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0277)**

From 676 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0279)**

From 296 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0283)**

From 220 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0284)**

From 301 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0285)**

From 150 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0286)**

From 86 petitioners – requesting investigation into the impact of the Carmichael Mine on climate change and the use of renewable energy
(PN0288)

From 90 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0289)**

From 77 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0290)**

From 37 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0291)**

From 243 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0292)**

From 725 petitioners – requesting action on the environmental impact of the Adani coal mining company in Queensland **(PN0293)**

From 58 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0294)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting action on the asylum seekers on Manus Island and Nauru **(PN0296)**

From 94 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0299)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting amendments to the definition of religion **(PN0300)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting amendments to the definition of religion, with particular reference to Islam **(PN0301)**

From 472 petitioners – requesting amendments to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 **(PN0302)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport – to a petition regarding aviation safety **(EN0108)**

From the Minister for Revenue and Financial Services – to a petition regarding a tax on sugar-sweetened drinks **(EN0146)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding childcare costs **(EN0216)**

From the Minister for Education and Training– to a petition regarding higher education reform **(EN0226)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding a nation-wide ban on plastic bags **(EN0238)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding air pollution **(EN0280)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding child support assessments **(EN0293)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding a national Legal Aid Act **(EN0300)**

From the Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills – to a petition regarding short courses for international students **(EN0302)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding health care cards for cystic fibrosis sufferers **(EN0303)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding amendments to the Family Law Act and Marriage Act **(EN0311)**

From the Minister for Education and Training – to a petition regarding staffing and courses at La Trobe University **(EN0313)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding phasing out of leaded fuel for racing vehicles **(EN0314)**

From the Treasurer – to a petition regarding the GST and feminine hygiene products **(EN0318)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey **(EN0319)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding same-sex marriage **(EN0320)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding carrier powers and immunities **(EN0323)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding same-sex marriage **(EN0331)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding disqualification under section 44 of the Constitution **(EN0334)**

From the Speaker – to a petition regarding removal of the daily prayer from Parliament's procedures **(EN0335)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding billing arrangements for General Practitioners and specialists **(EN0336)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding repealing the Marriage Amendment Act 2004 **(EN0337)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the eligibility of the Member for Chisholm **(EN0339)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the eligibility of the Member for Mackellar **(EN0340)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding private health insurance **(EN0345)**

From the Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding visitor visa applications for persons with non-contagious extra-pulmonary tuberculosis **(EN0351)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding the listing of left-wing hate groups as terrorist organisations **(EN0352)**

From the Minister for Communications – to a petition regarding federal political advertising legislation and protections for the LGBTIQ+ community **(EN0353)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition regarding a Referendum to amend section 51 of the Constitution **(EN0378)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the detention of Mr Jock Palfreeman in Bulgaria **(EN0396)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to petitions requesting action on climate change **(PN0079, PN0110, PN0152)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to petitions requesting action on climate change **(PN0081, PN0089, PN0085, PN0083, PN0075, PN0074)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to petitions requesting action on climate change **(PN0094, PN0097, PN0101, PN0102)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency (AATD)**(PN0086)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding the potential impact of an underground coal mine on the Sydney water catchment area and on the Kangaloon Aquifer **(PN0098)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition requesting a new pharmacy in Hastings, Victoria **(PN0103)**

From the Minister for the Environment and Energy – to a petition regarding coral bleaching of the Great Barrier Reef **(PN0106)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the crisis in Rakhine State **(PN0107)**

From the Minister for Health – to a petition regarding raising the age restriction of drinking alcohol to 21 **(PN0109)**

From the Minister for Social Services – to a petition regarding social security deeming rates **(PN0114)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the treatment of dogs and cats in China and the Republic of Korea **(PN0117)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition regarding Immigration detention and the Australian Government’s regional processing and settlement arrangements **(PN0118)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition regarding the Formosa Ha Tinh Steel Plant toxic waste spill in Vietnam **(PN0131)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs – to a petition regarding items allowed into an immigration detention facility **(PN0157)**

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

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