

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 4**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**21 November 2016**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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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 12 and 19 October and 9 November 2016.**

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

From 25 petitioners—regarding the functionality of the House of Representatives e-petition system. **(EN0031)**

From 92 petitioners—regarding the income support available to single parents struggling to find employment. **(EN0034)**

From 67 petitioners—calling for cessation of the welfare card trial being conducted in Ceduna, South Australia. **(EN0037)**

From 1020 petitioners—regarding the citizenship status of a Member of the House of Representatives. **(EN0038)**

From 39 petitioners—calling for the introduction of a new national holiday that supports our commercial markets. **(EN0039)**

From 46 petitioners—regarding Australia's treatment of asylum seekers. **(EN0040)**

From 28 petitioners—calling for legislation to prevent gambling advertisements. **(EN0041)**

From 1945 petitioners—calling for the introduction of restrictions on employers to reduce the number of long term casual employees in the workforce. **(EN0042)**

From 30 petitioners—calling for the Australian Government to reverse cuts to the pension. **(PN0024)**

From 8 petitioners—calling for the National Capital Plan to be amended to protect parklands around Lake Burley Griffin. **(PN0028)**

From 833 petitioners—regarding residents of Fletcher, NSW access to pharmaceuticals. **(PN0030)**

**2. The following petitions seven e-petitions are being re-presented with the complete list of signatures as a technical issue meant the signature count on their original presentation on 7 November was inaccurate.**

From 21 petitioners—calling for the Australian Government to reform how the Future Fund distributes pensions to public servants. **(EN0002)**

From 69 petitioners—calling for the House to consider and allow a conscience vote on the Marriage Legislation Amendment Bill 2016. **(EN0003)**

From 18 petitioners—calling for the Australian Government to pass legislation legalising marriage between two people of any gender. **(EN0007)**

From 32 petitioners—calling for the introduction of an oversight agency to monitor the integrity of political donations and gifts. **(EN0009)**

From 1204 petitioners—calling on the House to support the Pacific Coalition’s motion to the UN General Assembly requesting that West Papua be listed on the UN Decolonisation List. **(EN0024)**

From 89 petitioners—calling for the House of Representatives to progress a plebiscite on the question of legalising same sex marriage. **(EN0027)**

From 41 petitioners—regarding the House of Representatives e-petition system. **(EN0028)**

**The following ministerial response to a petition was received:**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—to a petition regarding children in immigration detention. **(PN0001)**

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

**Mr Ross Vasta MP**

**Chair - Petitions Committee**