

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 7 OF 2017**

*22 June 2017*

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Senator David Bushby (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Brian Burston (Pauline Hanson's One Nation Whip)

Senator Derryn Hinch (Derryn Hinch's Justice Party Whip)

Senator Skye Kakoschke-Moore (Nick Xenophon Team Whip)

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator John Williams (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Sam Dastyari

Senator David Fawcett

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield

Secretary: Chris Reid  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 7 OF 2017

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 21 June 2017 at 7.23 pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2017 (see appendices 1 and 2 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) the Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 11 September 2017 (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (c) the Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2017 (see appendix 4 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (d) the *provisions* of the Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 14 August 2017 (see appendices 5 and 6 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (e) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 September 2017 (see appendix 7 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (f) the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 September 2017 (see appendices 8 and 9 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (g) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 4 September 2017 (see appendix 10 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (h) the Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017 be *referred immediately* to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 13 September 2017 (see appendix 11 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Incorporation of Proposal and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  - International Monetary Agreements Amendment Bill 2017

- Liquid Fuel Emergency Amendment Bill 2017
  - Petroleum and Other Fuels Reporting Bill 2017  
Petroleum and Other Fuels Reporting (Consequential Amendments and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2017
  - Productivity Commission Amendment (Addressing Inequality) Bill 2017
  - Safe Work Australia Amendment (Role and Functions) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 3) Bill 2017.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
- Clean Energy Finance Corporation Amendment (Carbon Capture and Storage) Bill 2017
  - Competition and Consumer Amendment (Truth in Labelling—Palm Oil) Bill 2017
  - Education and Training Legislation Repeal Bill 2017
  - Education Legislation Amendment (Provider Integrity and Other Measures) Bill 2017
  - End Cruel Cosmetics Bill 2014
  - Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Amendment Bill 2017
  - Imported Food Control Amendment Bill 2017
  - Live Animal Export (Slaughter) Prohibition Bill 2017
  - Migration Amendment (Regulation of Migration Agents) Bill 2017  
Migration Agents Registration Application Charge Amendment (Rates of Charge) Bill 2017
  - Migration Amendment (Validation of Decisions) Bill 2017
  - Public Governance and Resources Legislation Amendment Bill (No. 1) 2017
  - Statute Update (Smaller Government) Bill 2017
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2017 Measures No. 4) Bill 2017.
5. The committee considered the following bills but was unable to reach agreement:
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017  
Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017.

(David Bushby)

**Chair**

22 June 2017

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment  
(strengthening the requirements for Australian citizenship  
and other measures) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

determine whether the changes to citizenship  
requirements will impair national security.

Consideration of human rights implications and discriminatory

Possible submissions or evidence from: nature of the measures to people of  
non-English speaking backgrounds

Human Rights Commission;  
Australian Law Council  
Migration Solutions

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Legal and Constitutional Affairs

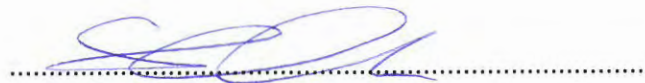
Possible hearing date(s):

~~21 July 2017~~ || 11 August 2017

Possible reporting date:

~~14 August 2017~~ || 11 September 2017

(signed)



Print name:

Senator Kakoschke-Moore

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

*Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian citizenship and other Measures) Bill 2017*

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- the complexity of the Bill means it needs investigation

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- Department of Immigration and Border Protection
- Federation of ECCA
- the Migration Council of Australia
- Refugee Council of Australia (RCoA)
- the Settlement Council of Australia (SCoA)

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

16 August 2017

.....*AS. Urquhart*.....

Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

Corporations Amendment (Modernisation of Members Registration) Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Bill addresses a deficiency in corporate governance

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Brett Stevenson

Alex Malley (CPA Australia)  
Governance Institute of Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Economic Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

August 2017

Possible reporting date:

11 September 2018

(signed)



Print name: SKYE KACOSKARE-MORSE

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

*Environment and Infrastructure Legislation Amendment (Stop Adani) Bill 2017*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Use of taxpayer funding for subsidies for multinational mining corporations
- The poor environmental history and questionable track record of the Adani group
- The need to review the Adani group's environmental approvals in Australia
- Whether the NAIF Act should include a fit and proper person test
- Whether the "environmental history" test in the EPBC Act should be strengthened.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- The Adani group
- The NAIF
- The Minister for Resources
- Environmental Justice Australia

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

E&C Legislation

Possible hearing date(s):

Mid-July

Possible reporting date:

13 September 2017

(signed)



Print name:

Senator Stewart



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:**

Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- To investigate claims that the Regional Investment Corporation will help to fast-track the construction of dams and priority water infrastructure projects needed to stimulate investment, economic growth and increased agricultural productivity in rural and regional communities.
- To investigate what is the cost benefit to determine that it makes sense to locate the Regional investment corporation in Orange, NSW.
- To investigate if the farm business concessional loans programme and National Water Infrastructure will be budget neutral over their life.
- Any other related matters.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

State and Territory Governments; Department of Agriculture; the Department of Finance.

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

4 September 2017

.....*A. Urquhart*.....

Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill:

[Regional Investment Corporation Bill 2017](#)

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Due consideration and scrutiny of the bill and the implications of the ANAO audit

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Department of Agriculture

State Governments

NFF and state farmer peak bodies

ANAO (re: their *Administration of Concessional Loans Programs* report)

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Regional and Rural Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

8-10<sup>th</sup> August (if necessary)

Possible reporting date:

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2017

(signed)



Print name:

Senator Siewert

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- Better understand impact of the cuts
- Ensure affected groups and expert groups are able to contribute
- Ensure that vulnerable groups are not negatively affected by the changes
- Ensure that all Australians have adequate opportunities to undertake study to find and keep employment

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- ACOSS
- Social Security Rights Network
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- National Union of Students
- Foundation for Young Australians
- St Vincent de Paul
- Carers Australia
- National Council of Single Mothers and their Children
- Catholic Social Services

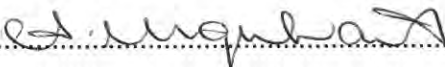
**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** Not required

**Possible reporting date:**

7 September 2017

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- Better understand the impact of the measures
- Ensure proper scrutiny of the Bill

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- ACOSS
- Social Security Rights Network
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- National Seniors
- St Vincent de Paul
- Carers Australia
- National Council of Single Mothers and their Children
- St Vincent de Paul
- Salvation Army
- Catholic Social Services
- COTA
- Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils Australia
- The Parenthood

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

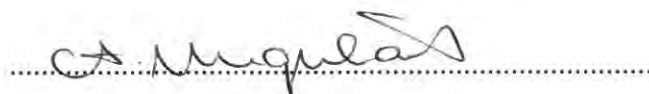
Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

7 September 2017



Senator Anne Urquhart



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

**Name of bill:** Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017

**Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:**

- Better understand the impact of the measures
- Ensure proper scrutiny of the Bill

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- ACOSS
- Social Security Rights Network
- Brotherhood of St Laurence
- St Vincent de Paul
- National Council of Single Mothers and their Children
- St Vincents Health
- Salvation Army
- Catholic Social Services
- Assoc. Prof. John Fitzgerald, University of Melbourne
- Homelessness Australia
- National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre
- Rural Doctors Association of Australia
- Royal Australian College of Physicians
- Anglicare Australia

**Committee to which bill is to be referred:**

Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):**

To be determined by the Committee

**Possible reporting date:**

4 September 2017

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Senator Anne Urquhart

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**  
**Proposal to refer a bill to a committee**

Name of bill: Vaporised Nicotine Products Bill 2017

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

Raises important health and personal choice issues.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

Can provide extensive list based on Select Committee inquiries on Nanny State and also Red Tape.

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

~~Health~~ Community Affairs Legislative Committee

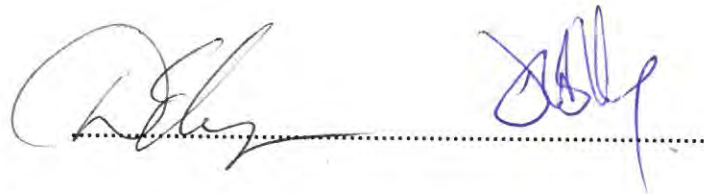
Possible hearing date(s):

No preferences

Possible reporting date:

~~No preferences.~~ By <sup>13</sup> ~~11~~ September

(signed)



Print name:

DAVID LEYONHJELM

**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE <sup>2</sup>**  
**PRESENTATION OF 7 REPORT OF 2017 <sup>2</sup>**  
**AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON**  
**22 JUNE 2017**

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At the end of the motion, add, “and, in respect of the Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Competition and Consumer) Bill 2017 and the Telecommunications (Regional Broadband Scheme) Charge Bill 2017, the provisions of the bills be referred to the Environment and Communications Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 8 August 2017.”.