

# **SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT NO. 7 OF 2019**

*17 October 2019*

## MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Senator Dean Smith (Government Whip, Chair)

Senator Perin Davey (The Nationals Whip)

Senator Stirling Griff (Centre Alliance Whip)

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

Senator Rachel Siewert (Australian Greens Whip)

Senator Anne Urquhart (Opposition Whip)

Senator Cory Bernardi

Senator Raff Ciccone

Senator Katy Gallagher

Senator the Hon James McGrath

Senator the Hon Anne Ruston

Secretary: Rachel Callinan  
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## SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE

### REPORT NO. 7 OF 2019

1. The committee met in private session on Wednesday, 16 October 2019 at 7.20pm.
2. The committee recommends that—
  - (a) the *provisions* of the Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019, the VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 and the Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Education and Employment Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 1 for a statement of reasons for referral);
  - (b) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill (No. 1) 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 November 2019 (see appendix 2 for a statement of reasons for referral); and
  - (c) contingent upon introduction in the House of Representatives, the *provisions* of the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 be *referred immediately* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee **but was unable to reach agreement on a reporting date** (see appendix 3 for a statement of reasons for referral).
3. The committee recommends that the following bills *not* be referred to committees:
  - Defence Service Homes Amendment Bill 2019
  - Medical and Midwife Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
  - Paid Parental Leave Amendment (Work Test) Bill 2019
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (2019 Measures No. 2) Bill 2019
  - Treasury Laws Amendment (International Tax Agreements) Bill 2019.
4. The committee deferred consideration of the following bills to its next meeting:
  - Aged Care Legislation Amendment (New Commissioner Functions) Bill 2019
  - Air Services Amendment Bill 2018
  - Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Financing and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
  - Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Cessation) Bill 2019
  - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Enhancing Australia's Anti-Doping Capability) Bill 2019
  - Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Amendment (Sport Integrity Australia) Bill 2019
  - Communications Legislation Amendment (Deregulation and Other Measures) Bill 2019
  - Constitution Alteration (Freedom of Expression and Freedom of the Press) 2019

- Customs Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019  
Customs Tariff Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019
- Customs Amendment (Safer Cladding) Bill 2019
- Discrimination Free Schools Bill 2018
- Education Legislation Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Bill 2019
- Family Law (Self-Assessment) Bill 2019
- Great Australian Bight Environment Protection Bill 2019
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment (Single Treatment Pathway) Bill 2019
- National Integrity (Parliamentary Standards) Bill 2019
- Protecting Australian Dairy Bill 2019
- Regional Forest Agreements Legislation (Repeal) Bill 2017
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Better Targeting Student Payments) Bill 2019
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Ending the Poverty Trap) Bill 2018
- Social Services Legislation Amendment (Payment Integrity) Bill 2019
- Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Assistance and Access Amendments Review) Bill 2019
- Telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Unsolicited Communications) Bill 2019.

(Dean Smith)

**Chair**

17 October 2019

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

Name of bill:

Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019

VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019

Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

To seek the views of stakeholders about whether the bills appropriately protect students who use student loans to pay for vocational education and training and higher education courses at public and private providers, including TAFEs, in cases of provider or course closure.

Possible submissions or evidence from:

TAFE Directors Australia

Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia

Independent Higher Education Australia

Australian Education Union

National Tertiary Education Union

National Union of Students

Department of Education

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date: Wednesday, 27 November 2019

  
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Senator Anne Urquhart

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

**Name of bill:**

To be considered together:

- Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019
- VET Student Loans (VSL Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019
- Higher Education Support (HELP Tuition Protection Levy) Bill 2019

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

- To provide TAFEs, registered training organisations and non-university higher education providers, and other interested parties in the sector, an opportunity to give feedback on the bills, their effectiveness and their impact on providers and students.
- To consider the effectiveness of the bills in assuring tuition protection and their impact on providers and students.

**Possible submissions or evidence from:**

- TAFE Director's Australia
- Independent Tertiary Education Council Australia
- Individual TAFEs and Government-owned providers, registered training organisation and non-university higher education providers.

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

Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee

**Possible hearing date(s):** no preference – depends on committee schedule

**Possible reporting date:** early next year

(signed)

  
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Rachel Siewert

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of bill:

**Farm Household Support Amendment (Relief Measures) Bill 2019 (No. 1)**

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

**To investigate the consequences of the amendment on farmers currently accessing Farm Household Allowance and any other related matters.**

Possible submissions or evidence from:

**National Farmers' Federation**

**Rural Financial Counsellors**

**Country Women's Association**

**Department of Agriculture**

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:

**7 November 2019**



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

Name of bill:

*Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

*Complex area of policy / law. Need to consider various cultural approaches to native title of different traditional owner groups.*

Possible submissions or evidence from:

*Legal and indigenous organisations*

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

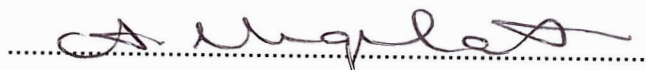
*Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee*

Possible hearing date(s):

To be determined by the Committee

Possible reporting date:

13 ~~13~~ March 2020



Senator Anne Urquhart



**SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE—  
PRESENTATION OF 7TH REPORT OF 2019—  
AMENDMENT AGREED TO BY THE SENATE ON  
17 OCTOBER 2019**

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At the end of the motion, add, “and:

- (a) in respect of the:
  - (i) Education Legislation Amendment (Tuition Protection and Other Measures) Bill 2019 and related bills, the Education and Employment Legislation Committee report by 22 November 2019, and
  - (ii) Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019, the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee report by 28 February 2020; and
- (b) the following bills not be referred to committees:
  - Customs Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019
  - Customs Tariff Amendment (Growing Australian Export Opportunities Across the Asia-Pacific) Bill 2019
  - Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Amendment (Assistance and Access Amendments Review) Bill 2019”.