

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 15

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

11 September 2017

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 session on Wednesday 9 August 2017 and Wednesday 6 September 2017.

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

From 60 petitioners – requesting a call for the end to persecution of Falun Gong in China **(PN0082)**

From 663 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0083)**

From 256 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0085)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting support for people suffering from Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency **(PN0086)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting support payments for people suffering from Alpha 1 Antitrypsin Deficiency **(PN0087)**

From 1158 petitioners – requesting a change in the rural classification of Bundaberg **(PN0088)**

From 1650 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0089)**

From 1851 petitioners – requesting a call for the end to persecution of Falun Gong in China **(PN0091)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting the removal of prayers from the parliamentary procedures **(EN0272)**

From 28 petitioners – requesting a referendum to extend the term of Federal Parliament to four years **(EN0274)**

From 488 petitioners – requesting legislative changes to benefits and citizenship requirements for immigrants **(EN0275)**

From 3 petitioners – to change the practice of pricing goods **(EN0278)**

From 2 petitioners – to take actions to reduce air pollution **(EN0280)**

From 880 petitioners – requesting legislation regulating the monitoring of mosques and the licensing of Islamic preachers in Australia **(EN0283)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the halting of Muslim immigration and deportation of Muslims who commit crimes **(EN0284)**

From 409 petitioners – requesting a national anti-illegal tobacco strategy **(EN0285)**

From 3 petitioners – requesting the issuing of a gold pass to a trained nurse who served in South Vietnam in 1966 **(EN0288)**

From 192 petitioners – requesting a change in child support legislation **(EN0293)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting that the House not support legislation to build backdoors into their products, or restricting use of encryption **(EN0294)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting action in relation to the electricity industry **(EN0297)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting a national Legal Aid **(EN0300)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting that legislation supporting renewable energy targets be removed and instead support coal, nuclear and fuel products and power **(EN0301)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting action to support short course providers training international students **(EN0302)**

From 4070 petitioners – requesting access to the Healthcare Card for people with Cystic Fibrosis **(EN0303)**

From 2055 petitioners – requesting action in relation to aid projects and the investigation of crimes against humanity in Afghanistan **(EN0304)**

From 1800 petitioners – requesting the Medicare rebate for melanoma surveillance photography **(EN0305)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting that the House legislate to support children who are living with family violence or who are being prevented from having a meaningful relationship with a parent **(EN0306)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting legislation to legalise same sex marriage **(EN0311)**

From 27 petitioners – requesting further funding of public universities **(EN0313)**

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the Minister for Health – to a petition for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) Medicare-eligibility for Baw Baw radiology in Drouin, Victoria
(PN0038)

From the Minister for Finance – to a petition regarding parliamentarians' work expenses **(EN0159)**

From the Minister for Defence – to a petition requesting that the Australian Defence Force respond to all domestic terrorist incidents **(EN0171)**

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

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**Mrs Lucy Wicks MP
Chair – Petitions Committee**