

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 16**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**16 October 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 2 February, Wednesday 16 August, Wednesday 6 September, and Wednesday 13 September 2017.**

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

From 1482 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0094)**

From 75 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0097)**

From 540 petitioners – requesting further examination of potential environmental effects of proposed coal mine **(PN0098)**

From 1358 petitioners – requesting an end to live animal export **(PN0100)**

From 132 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0101)**

From 774 petitioners – requesting action on climate change **(PN0102)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting mandatory drug and alcohol testing for pilots and co-pilots **(EN0108)**

From 1386 petitioners – requesting an extension of approval under section 13 of the Fuel Quality standards Act, 2000 **(EN0314)**

From 51 petitioners – requesting a diversion of the tax on sanitary items to other women’s health services **(EN0318)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting that the plebiscite on same sex marriage not go ahead **(EN0319)**

From 512 petitioners – requesting the House pass a motion enabling marriage equality **(EN0320)**

From 62 petitioners – requesting certain actions to be taken regarding toxic waste discharge in Vietnam **(EN0322)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the implementation of an online voting option for the ABS survey on same sex marriage **(EN0324)**

From 172 petitioners – requesting a prescribed period for DVA claim resolution **(EN0325)**

From 16 petitioners - requesting the House debate the terms of the ANZUS treaty **(EN0329)**

From 84 petitioners – requesting that the plebiscite on same sex marriage not go ahead **(EN0331)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting Shane Martin be permitted entry to Australia to attend the Brownlow Medal count with son Dustin Martin **(EN0332)**

From 26 petitioners – requesting the Deputy Prime Minister be removed and a by-election be held for his seat of New England **(EN0334)**

From 1153 petitioners – requesting the removal of Prayers from the Standing Orders **(EN0335)**

From 10 petitioners – requesting changes to Medicare billing **(EN0336)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting the Marriage Act be repealed **(EN0337)**

From 2 petitioners – requesting the Member for Chisholm be referred to the High Court for being in breach of S44 of the Constitution **(EN0339)**

From 1 petitioner - requesting the Member for MacKellar be referred to the High Court for being in breach of S44 of the Constitution **(EN0340)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting legislative changes to private health fund fee increases **(EN0345)**

From 19 petitioners – requesting a reversal of changes to refugee policy **(EN0346)**

From 1 petitioner – requesting changes to national road rules relating to the presence of emergency vehicles **(EN0349)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting changes to medical requirements for visitor visas **(EN0351)**

From 48 petitioners – requesting action be taken against certain advocacy and political groups **(EN0352)**

From 39 petitioners – requesting changes to advertising legislation **(EN0353)**

**The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

From the Minister for Communications– to a petition requesting the reform of some aspects of the National Classification Scheme **(EN0165)**

From the Minister for Justice – to a petition requesting new laws to criminalise individuals for encouraging suicide **(EN0168)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition requesting government reforms to citizenship requirements **(EN0195)**

From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection – to a petition requesting government reforms to citizenship requirements **(EN0196)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting the release of family members from detention in China **(EN0219)**

From the Attorney-General – to a petition requesting equal treatment of all Australians **(EN0236)**

From the Minister for Aged Care – to a petition requesting a Royal Commission into elder abuse **(EN0243)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs – to a petition requesting action on the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners **(PN0064)**

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

**Mrs Lucy Wicks MP**

**Chair - Petitions Committee**