

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PETITIONS COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 2

Petitions

and

Ministerial Responses

17 October 2016

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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 12 October 2016.

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

From 13,407 petitioners—regarding the permanent resettlement of people accommodated in the Nauru and Manus Island Regional Processing Centres.

From 5,166 petitioners—calling for the immunotherapy drug, Keytruda to be added to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme for the treatment of people diagnosed with Mesothelioma.

From 7,415 petitioners—regarding the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China.

From 922 petitioners—calling on the Australian Government to reject the Guanaba Experience development in Tamborine Mountain's Escarpment Protection Precinct in Queensland.

From 2 petitioners—calling on the Health Minister to respond to a previous petition on rising health insurance premiums.

From 7,198 petitioners—calling on the Australian Government to reinstate federal funding for Andrology Australia, the Australian centre for excellence in male reproductive health.

From 533 petitioners—calling on the Australian Government to fund infrastructure projects proposed by the Towong Shire Council.

The following ministerial responses to petitions were received:

From the then Assistant Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—to a petition regarding permanent residency for Mr H Hunter and Ms I McCarthy.

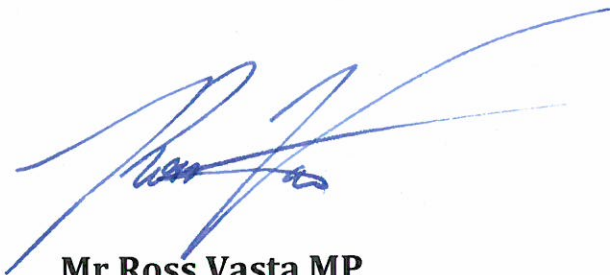
From the Minister for Immigration and Border Protection—to a petition requesting that children and their accompanying families in immigration detention centres are placed in the community.

From the Minister for Regional Communications regarding lack of mobile coverage in Fern Bay and Fullerton Cove in NSW.

From the Minister for Regional Communications regarding lack of mobile coverage in Thowgla Valley and Nariel Valley in Victoria.

From the Minister for Regional Communications regarding the lack of mobile coverage in Kevington in Victoria.

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



Mr Ross Vasta MP

Chair - Petitions Committee