

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**PETITIONS COMMITTEE**

**REPORT No. 10**

**Petitions**

**and**

**Ministerial Responses**

**22 May 2023**

## **MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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**Report summarising the petitions and ministerial responses being presented.**

**The committee met in private session in the 47<sup>th</sup> Parliament on 12 April 2023 and 10 May 2023.**

**1. The committee resolved to present the following 33 petitions in accordance with standing order 207:**

***Petitions certified on 12 April 2023***

From 7 petitioners – regarding corrupt elections **(EN4977)**

From 14 petitioners – regarding the Reserve Bank of Australia **(EN4978)**

From 176 petitioners – regarding parliamentary democracy in Pakistan **(EN4979)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the banning of euthanasia in Australia **(EN4980)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the condensing of degrees down to minimum years **(EN4982)**

From 16 petitioners – requesting the abandonment of the production and use of fossil fuels **(EN4984)**

From 6 petitioners – requesting support for South Australian midwifery and nursing students **(EN4985)**

From 1212 petitioners – requesting the abolition of additional language testing for Australian education and training graduates **(EN4987)**

From 9 petitioners – requesting the abolition of State governments in Australia **(EN4990)**

From 13569 petitioners – regarding protected identity for veterans and their families **(EN4991)**

From 16 petitioners – regarding low emission coal power **(EN4992)**

From 12 petitioners – requesting Trikafta approval for 6-11 year olds in Australia **(EN4994)**

From 14 petitioners – regarding the deportation of an Australian permanent resident of 54 years standing **(EN4995)**

From 302 petitioners – requesting the banning of gambling advertising on television, radio and online **(EN4998)**

From 1322 petitioners – regarding the review for processing time for BIIP **(EN4999)**

From 62 petitioners – requesting a Royal Commission into Covid-19 prevention measures **(EN5000)**

From 217 petitioners – requesting a better visa pathway for parents of Australian citizens and permanent residents **(EN5001)**

From 620 petitioners – regarding the wind farm off the coast of Port Stephens **(EN5004)**

From 14 petitioners – requesting Federal Members of Parliament, Senators and Prime Ministers to pass a cognitive test **(EN5008)**

From 171 petitioners – regarding the signing of the WHO pandemic prevention, preparedness and response accord **(EN5009)**

From 4 petitioners – requesting the charging of a \$2000.00 fine for unsolicited pictures **(EN5010)**

From 11 petitioners – requesting a Voice for the transgender community **(EN5011)**

From 5 petitioners – requesting the banning of mobile phones for kids under 16 **(EN5013)**

From 8 petitioners – regarding the removal of testicles to be recognised as a woman in law **(EN5014)**

From 11 petitioners – regarding human rights issues in China **(EN5016)**

From 36 petitioners – requesting the backdating of the commencement date of the age pension **(EN5020)**

From 163 petitioners – regarding the unfair feed-in tariff rate **(EN5021)**

From 21 petitioners – requesting the increasing of the minimum wage for under 18s **(EN5023)**

From 121 petitioners – regarding land homes farms staying in Australia hands **(EN5024)**

From 25 petitioners – requesting that a national firearms register not be created **(EN5026)**

From 139 petitioners – requesting an inquiry into the WHO pandemic treaty **(EN5028)**

From 572 petitioners – requesting a public referendum on rejecting amendments to the International Health Regulation **(EN5029)**

From 62 petitioners – requesting the inclusion of remuneration, with superannuation listed separately in job advertisements **(EN5030)**

## **2. The following 34 ministerial responses to petitions were received:**

### ***Ministerial responses received by the Committee on 10 May 2023***

From the Minister for Finance to a petition requesting the development and enforcement of a code of conduct for the Parliament of Australia **(EN2597)**

From the Minister for Emergency Management to a petition requesting the reintroduction of COVID-19 supplement payments for people on Australian Government income support **(EN2954)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting the government to introduce Magnitsky-style sanctions legislation **(EN3036)**

From the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to a petition regarding accommodation standards for workers in the Seasonal Worker Programme and the Pacific Labour Mobility (PALM) Scheme **(EN3223)**

From the Minister for Communications to a petition requesting a full size Macrocell mobile phone tower or equivalent for Tarrawingee **(EN3946)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government designate the United Russia Party as a terrorist organisation, ban members of the United Russia Party from entering Australia, freeze their assets in international jurisdictions and nominate the Ukrainian humanitarian aid organisation as a benefactor of such assets transfer **(EN4088)**

From the Minister for Finance to a petition requesting to stop the Digital Identity Legislation and cease attempts to mandate Digital ID via myGov **(EN4090 and EN4588)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government designate the Russian Government and its armed forces as terrorist organisations for the purposes of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* **(EN4333)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition regarding Australian women and children in northeast Syria **(EN4526)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organisation under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* **(EN4547)**

From the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury to a petition requesting to make diesel cheaper than unleaded petrol **(EN4551)**

From the Minister for Home Affairs to a petition requesting that the Australian Government designate the current Russian Government as a terrorist regime **(EN4562)**

From the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury to a petition regarding Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) fees for Regional Visa holders **(EN4599)**

From the Minister for Sport to a petition regarding a Royal Commission into abuse in sports **(EN4603)**

From the Assistant Minister for Competition, Charities and Treasury to a petition regarding the diversity of Australian owned products within the food and grocery sector **(EN4636)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting more flexible aged care services for small rural facilities **(EN4652)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to substitute the Pre-Employment Structured Clinical Interview (PESCI) and supervision for the Australian Medical Council's (AMC's) clinical examination as a pathway to general registration for international medical graduates (IMGs) **(EN4677)**

From the Minister for Early Childhood Education to a petition regarding early childhood education and care (ECEC) providers charging fees when children are absent due to illness **(EN4680)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding the question of Palestinian Statehood **(EN4681)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to restore funding for PCR testing **(EN4688)**

From the Minister for Emergency Management to a petition regarding disaster relief funding for the local government area of Cabonne in NSW **(EN4701)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding regulation over private alcohol and drug rehabilitation treatment centres **(EN4704)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition regarding China's application to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP) **(EN4711)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition regarding medicinal use of marijuana in Australia **(EN4713)**

From the Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations to a petition regarding changes to sick leave **(EN4716)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting the Australian Government to reverse the \$0.50 indexation of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) concessional card co-payment **(EN4744)**

From the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to a petition regarding revised requirements for the importation of dogs and cats into Australia **(EN4756)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition regarding rail freight electrification **(EN4759)**

From the Minister for Foreign Affairs to a petition requesting increased Australian military support to Ukraine **(EN4763)**

From the Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister to a petition requesting the Australian Government change the Australian National Anthem to 'I Am Australian' **(EN4766)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to ban companies convicted of carrying out illegal gain-of-function research **(EN4775)**

From the Minister for Health and Aged Care to a petition requesting to restrict energy drink sales for persons under 16 years of age **(EN4778)**

From the Minister for Social Services to a petition regarding the cancellation of the Cashless Debit Card (CDC) in the Ceduna region **(EN4783)**

From the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to a petition regarding the 'Sealing Roads in the Dandenong Ranges and Surrounds (Sealing Roads) projects' **(EN4785)**

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