

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECTION COMMITTEE

REPORT No. 16

Committee and delegation business

and

private Members' business

29 October 2014

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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Report relating to the consideration of committee and delegation business and of private Members' business

1. The committee met in private session on Tuesday, 28 October 2014.
2. The committee determined the order of precedence and times to be allotted for consideration of committee and delegation business and private Members' business on Monday, 24 November 2014, as follows:

Items for House of Representatives Chamber (10.10 am to 12 noon)

COMMITTEE AND DELEGATION BUSINESS

Presentation and statements

1 Standing Committee on Education and Employment

TAFE: an Australian asset.

The Committee determined that statements may be made — all statements to conclude by 10.20 am.

Speech time limits —

Mr E. T. Jones — 5 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

- 1 **MR WILKIE:** To present a Bill for an Act to provide a regulatory framework for poker machines that will reduce the harm to problem gamblers, and for related purposes. (*Gambling Harm Reduction (Protecting Problem Gamblers and Other Measures) Bill 2014*)

(Notice given 28 October 2014.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Mr Wilkie — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

- 2 DR LEIGH:** To present a Bill for an Act to amend the *Tax Laws Amendment (2013 Measures No. 2) Act 2013*, and for related purposes. (*Tax Laws Amendment (Tax Transparency) Bill 2014*)
(Notice given 28 October 2014.)

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Dr Leigh — 10 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 1 x 10 mins]

Presenter may speak to the second reading for a period not exceeding 10 minutes — pursuant to standing order 41.

- 3 MS HENDERSON:** To move—That this House:

(1) recognises that:

- (a) the Government will contribute \$1.5 billion towards the completion of the western section (Stage Two) of Melbourne’s East West Link;
- (b) the commitment to Stage Two of the East West Link is in addition to the Commonwealth’s \$1.5 billion contribution towards the \$6 to \$8 billion Stage One section of the East West Link; and
- (c) together, Stage One and Stage Two will create some 6,200 construction jobs which are so important for Melbourne, Geelong and south-west Victoria; and

(2) notes that the:

(a) East West Link is critical to:

- (i) easing congestion on the West Gate Bridge and improving Geelong’s transport links to Melbourne;
- (ii) easing congestion on the Eastern Freeway and alleviating major traffic bottlenecks at Hoddle Street and Alexandra Parade; and
- (iii) improving freight efficiency and connections for major industries in Melbourne’s outer east, north and south east to the Port of Melbourne and international airports;

(b) East West Link will never happen under a Labor Government—State Labor opposes the project despite estimates that the cost of Melbourne’s road congestion will grow to \$5 billion per annum by 2021 and \$7.2 billion by 2031, more than double current levels; and

(c) Victorian Leader of the Opposition has described the East West Link as a ‘grand hoax’ and has threatened to rip up any contracts that are signed with respect to the project and in doing so, has shown contempt for the people of Victoria.

(Notice given 23 September 2014.)

Time allotted — 40 minutes.

Speech time limits —

Ms Henderson — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 4 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR WATTS: To move—That this House:

(1) notes:

(a) with concern that family violence is an issue affecting members of all of our communities, but that not enough attention is given to it in public debate;

(b) that the impact of family violence upon our communities is devastating, especially given:

(i) intimate partner violence is responsible for more ill-health and premature death in women in Victoria under age 45 than high blood pressure, obesity and smoking; and

(ii) one in three women since their teenage years have been exposed to violence, one in five have been exposed to sexual violence, and one woman per week is killed by her partner or former partner;

(c) the importance of a bipartisan approach in addressing such a complex issue and support for addressing family violence by all Members of Parliament within the House; and

(d) with support the creation of the Parliamentarians Against Family Violence friendship group, and acknowledges the success of its launch event on 20 October; and

(2) makes all efforts to raise awareness of the family violence taking place in our communities.

(Notice given 20 October 2014.)

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 12 noon.*

Speech time limits —

Mr Watts — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 8 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Items for Federation Chamber (11 am to 1.30 pm)

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Notices

1 MS RYAN: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:
 - (a) Government's 2014-15 budget contains the biggest ever cut to schools, leaving classrooms across the country \$30 billion worse off over the next decade;
 - (b) Government has failed to fund the vital fifth and sixth years of the Gonski reforms and has opened the door to state and territory cuts by promising not to enforce their obligations under the Gonski agreements;
 - (c) Government has restricted school funding changes to the Consumer Price Index from 2018; and
 - (d) importance of equity and quality—for every child in every school—in improving student results and building a prosperous future; and
- (2) calls on the Government to recognise the Commonwealth's role in funding schools by:
 - (a) keeping its commitment to honour the signed Gonski agreements; and
 - (b) reversing its \$30 billion cut to schools.

(Notice given 2 September 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Ryan — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 MR RANDALL: To move—That this House notes that:

- (1) dung beetles:
 - (a) provide an important service to Australia's agricultural sector; and
 - (b) act as a biological solution that assists in fly control and enhances livestock health;
- (2) the work of dung beetles acts to enhance and improve the nutrients in soil, leading to natural fertilisation and reducing nutrient runoff;
- (3) greater recognition by industry of the beetles' importance may lead to further widespread adoption;
- (4) investigation and research into the introduction of two new species of beetles from France and Spain may provide opportunities to expand the beneficial impacts of dung beetles by increased activity during the spring months, and this could bridge the existing activity gap prior to the activity of native beetles in the summer months; and

- (5) agricultural research and development organisations could provide important support in researching the benefits and quarantine implications associated with importing these two new species.

(Notice given 4 September 2014.)

Time allotted — 50 minutes.

Mr Randall — 10 minutes.

Next Member speaking — 10 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 10 + 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

3 MS ELLIS: To move—That this House:

- (1) notes the:

(a) importance of quality early childhood education in preparing children for school, and the overwhelming evidence of the positive impact that access to kindergarten and preschool has on life outcomes; and

(b) growing evidence of the enormous social and economic returns that are generated by investment in quality early childhood education;

- (2) recognises the progress that has been made in increasing access to kindergarten and preschool since the National Partnership Agreement on Early Childhood Education was introduced in 2008, including:

(a) an increase in the proportion of Australian children who attend 15 hours of quality early childhood education in the year before school from just 12 per cent in 2008, to over 56 per cent in 2012; and

(b) evidence that Australian children who access quality early education for 15 hours a week go on to score significantly better in Year Three NAPLAN tests and achieve higher results in Year Four reading, maths and science;

- (3) notes the uncertainty surrounding future funding for kindergarten and preschool and understands the impact this has on the sector, teachers, educators and parents balancing work and family; and

- (4) calls on the Government to provide certainty of funding for kindergartens and preschools, with the continued goal of ensuring every child receives 15 hours of quality early education a week in the year before school.

(Notice given 2 September 2014.)

Time allotted — 30 minutes.

Ms Ellis— 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 6 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

4 MR ENTSCHEID: To move—That this House:

- (1) acknowledges that Marine National Park (Green) Zones as defined in the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Zoning Plan 2003 serve to better protect the biodiversity within the Marine Park and help to ensure:
 - (a) the continued existence of the unique marine animals, plants and habitats that are found only in the Great Barrier Reef and provide additional protection for threatened species such as dugong and marine turtles;
 - (b) those industries that rely on the health of the Marine Park are able to continue, providing social and economic benefits to local communities and the wider economy;
 - (c) a diverse range of other benefits and values of the Marine Park, including recreational, cultural, educational and scientific values, are protected;
 - (d) that future generations are able to continue to use and enjoy the Marine Park;
 - (e) the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage values are protected; and
 - (f) the ecologically sustainable use of marine resources by traditional owners consistent with their traditional practices, are provided for;
- (2) accepts that Marine National Park (Green) Zones can be beneficial in:
 - (a) protecting spawning areas and nursery grounds;
 - (b) minimising damage to important habitats;
 - (c) providing refuge for protected species, such as turtles and dugongs;
 - (d) boosting species numbers, which helps the food web as a whole;
 - (e) increasing the abundance of fish; and
 - (f) building the resilience of the reef against threats such as climate change and water pollution;
- (3) affirms the *Native Title Act 1993* which recognises the right of certain traditional owners to hunt and gather in their sea country and that native title holders may undertake traditional use of marine resources;
- (4) recognises that the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority is working with traditional owners for the protection of the Great Barrier Reef, by expanding the Traditional Use of the Marine Resources Agreement program and strengthening communications between local communities, managers and reef stakeholders;
- (5) acknowledges the value of the Ranger Program in providing job opportunities for Indigenous people to care for their country, take on important skills, develop career pathways, protect dugongs and turtles and manage environmental threats stemming from feral animals, among other benefits;
- (6) calls on the:
 - (a) Australian Labor Party and the Greens to pass the Environment Legislation Amendment Bill 2013 which will enable a tripling of penalties for those poaching turtles and/or dugongs; and
 - (b) relevant parties to work, as a priority, with traditional owners to progressively increase the protections afforded to threatened species, such as turtle and dugong, through traditional use marine resource agreements and other appropriate means, seeking to:
 - (i) where traditional rights under the *Native Title Act 1993* apply, seek agreement with traditional owners to prohibit the capture and killing of

- any species from designated Green Zones within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park area;
- (ii) continue to allow certain activities to take place with a permit, such as research and management programs for fauna and flora where they pose a threat to humans or the environment, as per existing regulations; and
 - (iii) introduce legislation to prohibit the taking of marine species, including seabirds, in designated Green Zones within the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Area, where other efforts have proven to be inadequate;
- (7) in the interest of supporting the policing of turtle and dugong product that is transported for commercial purposes, prohibit the movement of native species, taken under the *Native Title Act 1993* outside the area in which it is caught; and
- (8) recognises that these initiatives would complement a range of measures already being implemented under the Government's Turtle and Dugong Protection Plan and Community Management Plans, which will enhance the protection of marine turtles and dugongs in Far North Queensland and the Torres Strait.

(Notice given 22 September 2014; amended 28 October 2014.)

Time allotted — 20 minutes.

Mr Entsch — 5 minutes.

Other Members — 5 minutes each.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 4 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

Orders of the day

1 AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION AMENDMENT (SCHOOL FUNDING GUARANTEE) BILL 2014 (*Mr Shorten*): Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 22 September 2014*).

Time allotted — 10 minutes.

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

2 HIGH SPEED RAIL PLANNING AUTHORITY BILL 2013 (*Mr Albanese*):
Second reading—Resumption of debate (*from 23 June 2014*).

*Time allotted — remaining private Members’
business time prior to 1.30 pm.*

Speech time limits —

All Members — 5 minutes.

[Minimum number of proposed Members speaking
= 2 x 5 mins]

*The Committee determined that consideration
of this matter should continue on a future day.*

THE HON BRONWYN BISHOP MP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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