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NEW SOUTH WALES

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(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH PARLIAMENT)

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ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS RECEIVED

All petitions received unless otherwise noted.

Date Presented	Place of Petitioners and Signatures	Presented by	Abstract of Requests
12 May 2015	222 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Stating that the taxi transport subsidy scheme's maximum level of \$30 has been in place since 1999 and has gone without an increase for 15 years, during which time taxi fares have increased over 60 per cent; that the current subsidy has not kept pace with the rising costs of living in New South Wales and does not meet the needs of people with a disability, many of whom have no other transport options; and calling on the New South Wales Government to recognise that suitable and affordable transport for people with a disability is a human right and for many people taxi transport is the only mode available, and to double the taxi transport subsidy scheme's maximum cap to \$60.
27 May 2015	28 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Stating that libraries are a fundamental part of the educational and cultural vibrancy of the community, providing lifelong learning and opportunities for social interaction, that from 1979-80 to 2010-11 the percentage of total funding for public libraries from the Government has decreased from 23.6 per cent to 7.5 per cent, which has shifted more of the burden of funding onto local government, and calling on the Government to recognise the social and economic benefits provided to the community by public libraries and increase funding of public libraries to reinstate the previous percentage level of contribution.
23 June 2015	103 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Barham	Stating Byron Shire Council has resolved to construct rockwalls at Belongil Beach to protect private properties without a Government-approved coastal zone management plan, that the proposed works have been identified by the NSW Coastal Panel as potentially causing increased coastal erosion and impact on adjoining Crown land, the loss of the beach, and risks public safety, that since 1988 policy and planning instruments have defined these lands as being located in an identified coastal erosion risk zone, that development consent on these lands has been subject to planned retreat policies, and calling on the Government to oppose and halt the Belongil Beach rockwalls.
23 June 2015	3,985 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Veitch	Stating that the satellite renal unit promised by Murrumbidgee Local Health District for the Young Health Service was broken by Minister for Health, the Honourable Jillian Skinner MP and the Member for Cootamundra Ms Katrina Hodgkinson MP via press release dated 18 December 2014, that the service will now be installed at Cowra, that the long accepted need of this vital service at Young has been ignored, and calling on the Government to reverse the decision not to install a satellite renal unit at the Young Health Service.

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24 June 2015	339 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Brown	Irregular petition—Stating their opposition to the use of regulation by the Baird Government to halve bag limits of fish across the coast of New South Wales regardless of the local fish populations which may vary considerably, that this regulation impacts on recreational fishers, that the matter should have been debated in Parliament, that any decision should be based on proper studies of local fish populations and that efforts should be focused on illegal methods of fishing and the capturing and keeping or dumping of undersize fish.
25 June 2015	685 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that the draft plan of management of the Berowra Valley National Park is inconsistent with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1973, that the proposed construction, leasing and use of Stringybark Ridge is illegal and would breach sections of the Act and that the proposal would impact on the surrounding Shale Sandstone Transition Forest Ecological Community and nearby endangered fauna and flora species, that the Minister has not considered section 72 AA in drafting the plan of management, and calling on the Government to withdraw or amend the draft plan of management of the Berowra Valley National Park to ensure compliance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1973.
11 August 2015	71,050 citizens of Australia	Mr Shoebridge	Irregular petition—Stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person's life being deliberately taken to save another's, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the Federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.
12 August 2015	819 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that shark finning is a deeply inhumane and cruel practice and a key threat to many shark species around the world with an estimated 38 million sharks killed each year, that although shark finning is illegal in New South Wales many restaurants continue to serve shark fin from overseas sources where live finning is practiced, and requesting that the House reaffirms that sharks are essential to maintaining Australia's marine ecosystems and support The Greens' bill to prohibit commercial preparation of shark fins in restaurants.
25 August 2015	12,662 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Veitch	Stating that the plaza car park located between Kooloonbung Creek and Hastings River Foreshore and Short Street Port Macquarie must stay in public hands and not be sold to Woolworths, that the local community believes it was not properly consulted when the decision was made by the Government to sell the plaza car park, and requesting that the House stop the proposed sale of the plaza car park to Woolworths, hand all decision making regarding future usage of the plaza car park and the foreshore site to the local community, launch an investigation into the process of the proposed sale of the foreshore land and report back the outcomes of this investigation to the community.
25 August 2015	2,187 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Pearson	Stating that the New South Wales Minister for Primary Industries and the Federal Minister for Agriculture recently announced that they would use the bill to target animal rights activists who record operations of intensive farming facilities and disperse the information to the public, that the Bill has the potential to be used to gag animal activists, employees, whistleblowers and the media from making evidence of animal cruelty public and that these laws stifle transparency, and requesting that the House amend the proposed bill to make it unlawful for an individual who acts in good faith and for the public good in exposing animal cruelty, and has undertaken reasonably practicable steps to prevent a biosecurity risk, to be prosecuted under the provisions of the bill.

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25 August 2015	533 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Kaye	Stating that a 100 per cent renewable energy sector in New South Wales would create tens of thousands of new jobs, slash carbon emissions and lay the foundation for an employment rich export industry, that generating electricity from solar thermal power plants, wind power, rooftop solar panels and other clean energy sources can sustainably supply New South Wales' energy needs, noting that fossil fuel electricity generation is economically and environmentally unsustainable and building and operating new coal or conventional gas-fired power stations is now more expensive than investing in renewable energy technologies, and requesting that the House take immediate steps to replace at least 500MW of fossil fuel power with renewable energy and energy efficiency measures and introduce a timetable to close all fossil fuel power stations in New South Wales by 2030.
10 September 2015	17 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Stating that the objects of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 are to recognise the spiritual, social and customary significance to Aboriginal persons of fisheries resources and to protect and promote the continuation of Aboriginal cultural fishing, that the operational provision of the Act being 21AA is yet to commence, and requesting that the House support the commencement of section 21AA of the NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994 immediately and support regulations which are culturally appropriate.
10 September 2015	683 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Stating that funding has been cut for Koala Child Care Centre at Sutherland Hospital, that cuts will prevent the respective child care service from being able to provide evening childcare for the workers of the Sutherland Hospital, and requesting that the House urge the Government to restore funding for these vital services immediately.
27 October 2015	29 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Stating that one of the objects of the Fisheries Management Act 1994 is to recognise the spiritual, social and customary significance to Aboriginal persons of fisheries resources and to protect and promote the continuation of Aboriginal cultural fishing, that the operational provision of the Act being section 21AA is yet to commence, and requesting that the House support the commencement of section 21AA of the NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994 immediately and support regulations which are culturally appropriate.
29 October 2015	200 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that public land represents 33 million hectares of land in New South Wales which is almost half of the state, that community and environment groups have been campaigning to protect their local parks, reserves and foreshore lands from privatisation, requesting that the House support a parliamentary inquiry into the management of all public land, including Crown land, and the most appropriate measures to ensure that such land remains a public asset for the benefit of all people and the environment, culture and heritage of this state, and calling for a moratorium on the sale, leasing and private development of all public land until the parliamentary inquiry has reported and any recommendations have been implemented.
29 October 2015	44,986 citizens of Australia	Mr Shoebridge	Irregular petition—Stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person's life being deliberately taken to save another's, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the Federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.

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10 November 2015	1,032 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Kaye	Stating that over 2,600 teaching and support staff jobs in TAFE have been lost since 2011, that rising fees and course cuts to TAFE have contributed to 83,000 fewer students in 2015, and that \$750 million of TAFE's budget will disappear into the vocational education market in the 2015-16 financial year, and calling on the Government to renegotiate the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform under the following principles: guaranteeing TAFE secure access to at least 85 per cent of all funds allocated to each course code, rising to 100 per cent where TAFE can provide courses without the private sector; full public funding for Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses at TAFE; an end to the VET-FEE Help income-contingent loan scheme; and withdrawal of funding from private providers for any course that TAFE can provide.
18 November 2015	2,975 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Taylor	Stating that the proposal for a putrescible landfill three kilometres from Ardlethan, in the Riverina Food Bowl and near the Murrumbidgee irrigation and wine industry will have grave agricultural, reputational, environmental and health impacts, and calling on the Government to oppose the development of a state significant landfill, a joint council landfill or a municipal council waste on the site of the Ardlethan Tin Mine and to acknowledge the threat that such a development would pose to Australia's food security.
23 February 2016	935 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Voltz	Stating that the consequences of cuts to TAFE funding in New South Wales include reduced courses, plans to sell off campuses, slashed student enrolments, the sacking of teachers and support staff and increased fees for students, and requesting that the House call on the Government to stop cuts to TAFE funding and support a plan to save TAFE.
23 February 2016	897 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Pearson	Stating that it is cruel and inhumane to keep dolphins in captivity in small pools and to force them to perform, and requesting that the House calls on the Government to cease the granting of permits for the breeding and exhibition of dolphins, that the House calls for the release of all dolphins in captivity at Dolphin Marine Magic Coffs Harbour, and that those dolphins be rehabilitated for eventual re-homing at an ocean sanctuary.
23 February 2016	246 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that public land represents 33 million hectares of land in New South Wales which is almost half of the state, that community and environment groups have been campaigning to protect their local parks, reserves and foreshore lands from privatisation, and requesting that the House support a parliamentary inquiry into the management of all public land, including Crown land, and the most appropriate measures to ensure that such land remains a public asset for the benefit of all people and the environment, culture and heritage of this state, and calling for a moratorium on the sale, leasing and private development of all public land until the parliamentary inquiry has reported and any recommendations have been implemented.
21 March 2016	3,088 people	Dr Faruqi on behalf of Dr Kaye	Stating that in Australia, between 13,000 and 17,000 healthy young dogs are killed each year by the greyhound racing industry, up to 90 per cent of trainers in New South Wales have participated in the barbaric practice of live baiting, the industry has failed to reform in a meaningful way to stop the routine mistreatment of animals, dogs are being exported to jurisdictions with no animal welfare protections, the greyhound racing industry is a poor employment generator and its continuation is inconsistent with public interest, and calling on the Government to ban all greyhound racing in New South Wales, to assist industry employees to find new work, to facilitate the rehoming of dogs and to prohibit the export of greyhounds for racing or breeding purposes.
4 May 2016	507 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that commitment to public transport planning that is open and transparent ensures that projects are built with minimal environmental impacts wherever possible, opposing the needless loss of historic trees along the route of the CBD and South East Light Rail project and requesting that the House establish an Upper House inquiry into the CBD and South East Light Rail project.

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4 May 2016	53 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Stating that the extension to the Gold Coast Airport is not supported as it relies on the destruction of Crown Reserve 59360 which is dedicated to public recreation and conservation, will destroy significant ecological and Aboriginal cultural landscape values, will exclude public recreational use of the land, and will have adverse effects on the amenity of residents, and requesting that the Parliament investigate the circumstances of Crown Reserve 59360 being transferred to the Gold Coast Airport.
10 May 2016	1,011 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Irregular petition—Stating their disagreement to the Government's plan to force Oberon Council to amalgamate with Bathurst Regional Council and that they would never agree to any such plan unless it were put to a plebiscite vote of the Shire's ratepayers and residents.
10 May 2016	358 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Voltz	Stating that the consequences of cuts to TAFE funding in New South Wales include reduced courses, plans to sell off campuses, slashed student enrolments, the sacking of teachers and support staff and increased fees for students, and requesting that the House call on the Government to stop cuts to TAFE funding and support a plan to save TAFE.
11 May 2016	568 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that dolphins in captivity have very little space and cannot behave naturally, that whales and dolphins are highly intelligent creatures that need to live in complex social groups, that although captive dolphins are kept in an environment free of predators and other threats, they die young and the death rate for infant whales and dolphins is significantly higher in captivity, and requesting that the House supports the phase out of dolphins being held in captivity in Australia.
12 May 2016	508 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that women who have an abortion and their doctors still risk prosecution in NSW, that abortion should be considered a health and welfare matter and not a criminal issue, that until abortion offences are taken out of the NSW Crimes Act 1900 women will always be on the back foot defending their bodily autonomy and their right to medical privacy, that women seeking an abortion and their doctors face harassment and intimidation from anti-abortion groups when accessing such services, and requesting that the members of the NSW Legislative Council support abortion law reform in NSW to repeal offences relating to abortion from the NSW Crimes Act 1900 and enact privacy zones around abortion service providers and clinics.
1 June 2016	234 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that local government is the level of government most closely connected to the community and best positioned to identify and respond to community needs, that the 'Fit for the future' reforms seek to force council amalgamations across the state with no evidence that larger councils are more effective, that when amalgamations have been forced on councils in other states, rates have gone up, services have stagnated and residents have ended up less connected to the councillors who represent them, and requesting that the House supports the rights of communities to determine the future of their own local councils and oppose the forced amalgamation of councils that are financially sustainable and ensure that local council remain strong, independent and genuinely local.
2 June 2016	23 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Barham	Irregular petition—Stating that the extension to the Gold Coast Airport is not supported as it relies on the destruction of Crown Reserve 59360 which is dedicated to public recreation and conservation, will destroy significant ecological and Aboriginal cultural landscape values, will exclude public recreational use of the land, and will have adverse effects on the amenity of residents, and requesting that the House investigate the circumstances of Crown Reserve 59360 being transferred to the Gold Coast Airport.
21 June 2016	832 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that over 2,600 teaching and support staff jobs in TAFE have been lost since 2011, that rising fees and course cuts to TAFE have contributed to 83,000 fewer students in 2015, and that \$750 million of TAFE's budget will disappear into the vocational education market in the 2015-16 financial year, and calling on the Government to renegotiate the National Partnership Agreement on Skills Reform under the following principles: guaranteeing TAFE secure access to at least 85 per cent of all funds allocated to each course code, rising to 100 per cent where TAFE can provide courses without the private sector; full public funding for Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses at TAFE; an end to the VET-FEE Help income-contingent loan scheme; and withdrawal of funding from private providers for any course that TAFE can provide.

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23 June 2016	8,310 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Houssos	Stating that the current number of passenger trains arriving and departing from Wauchope Trainlink Station should be maintained, the current level of staffing should remain unchanged at the station, and that the Wauchope Trainlink Station should be staffed for all passenger trains stopping and departing from this station to ensure customer safety and access for vulnerable users, and requesting that the House stop the proposed job cuts at Wauchope Trainlink Station to allow the current levels of customer service to be maintained.
9 August 2016	540 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Stating that the consequences of cuts to TAFE funding in New South Wales include reducing courses, plans to sell off campuses, slashed student enrolments, the sacking of teachers and support staff, increased fees for students, and requesting that the House call on the Government to stop cuts to TAFE funding and support a plan to save TAFE.
24 August 2016	506 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Houssos	Stating that the current number of passenger trains arriving and departing from Wauchope Trainlink Station should be maintained, the current level of staffing should remain unchanged at the station, and that the Wauchope Trainlink Station should be staffed for all passenger trains stopping and departing from this station to ensure customer safety and access for vulnerable users, and requesting that the House stop the proposed job cuts at Wauchope Trainlink Station to allow the current levels of customer service to be maintained.
14 September 2016	1,240 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Cotsis	Stating that the consequences of cuts to TAFE funding in New South Wales include reducing courses, plans to sell off campuses, slashed student enrolments, the sacking of teachers and support staff, increased fees for students, and requesting that the House call on the Government to stop cuts to TAFE funding and support a plan to save TAFE.
20 September 2016	154 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that the Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016 will repeal all offences under the Crimes Act 1990 relating to abortion, will abolish any rule of common law that creates an offence relating to abortion, will deem as unsatisfactory the conduct of a medical practitioner who has a conscious objection to abortion, will not require the referral of a person seeking an abortion, and will provide for exclusion zones around abortion clinics to prevent the right of protest or prayer, and requesting that the House defend the fundamental right of children to be born by voting against this pro-abortion bill.
19 October 2016	4,628 citizens of Australia	Mr Shoebridge	Irregular petition—Stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person's life being deliberately taken to save another's, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the Federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.
8 November 2016	10,117 citizens of Australia	Mr Shoebridge	Similar request.

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8 November 2016	2,164 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that the Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016 will repeal all offences under the Crimes Act 1990 relating to abortion, will abolish any rule of common law that creates an offence relating to abortion, will deem as unsatisfactory the conduct of a medical practitioner who has a conscious objection to abortion, will not require the referral of a person seeking an abortion, and will provide for exclusion zones around abortion clinics to prevent the right of protest or prayer, and requesting that the House defend the fundamental right of children to be born by voting against the bill.
15 November 2016	817 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Veitch	Stating the importance of job security in the commercial fishing industry in New South Wales and its importance to the supply of seafood to consumers reliant on the industry for fresh seafood, and requesting that the House call on the Government to pause the NSW Department of Primary Industry Fisheries Business Structural Adjustment Program, to re-evaluate the activating of latent effort and activation of new linkage options, to restore the catch history of every commercial fisher, to recognise that catch history in each region and fishery is integral to business viability and sustainability, to evaluate the removal of latent effort as a separate component of business buyout and to consult on the future direction of essential fishery management region by region.
16 November 2016	1,187 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Veitch	Stating that the consequences of cuts to TAFE funding in New South Wales include reducing courses, plans to sell off campuses, slashed student enrolments, the sacking of teachers and support staff, increased fees for students, and requesting that the House call on the Government to stop cuts to TAFE funding and support a plan to save TAFE.
17 November 2016	1,271 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Stating that the closure of Fairfield Ambulance Station at the end of the year and the relocation of paramedics to the Bankstown Super Station will leave Fairfield and surrounding communities without paramedics or an ambulance station, that the additional 15 kilometre journey can take anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes depending on traffic, and requesting that the House call on the Government to keep Fairfield Ambulance Station open and maintain current staffing levels, as rapid access to an ambulance service saves lives and is a fundamental right to which the people of Fairfield are entitled.
17 November 2016	399 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Stating that the impact of shark bites includes deep personal and community grief, that shark nets do not guarantee public safety but do kill hundreds of dolphins, turtles, rays, whales and sharks each year, and that there are numerous non-lethal methods that successfully reduce the risk of shark bites, and requesting that the House call on the Government to support non-lethal, science-based and community driven approaches to reducing the risk of shark bites in New South Wales, including community based programs such as Shark Watch, tagging and monitoring programs, personal deterrent devices, and reject the use of shark nets in New South Wales that do not guarantee public safety.
22 February 2017	1,282 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that shark finning is a deeply inhumane and cruel practice which is a key threat to many shark species around the world with an estimated 38 million sharks killed each year, and that although shark finning is illegal in New South Wales many restaurants continue to serve shark fin from overseas sources where live finning is practiced, and requesting that the House reaffirms that sharks are essential to maintaining Australia's marine ecosystems and support The Greens' bill to prohibit commercial preparation of shark fins in restaurants.
22 February 2017	571 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that there have been repeated incidents of extreme animal cruelty inside abattoirs revealed by animal activists and the media, that mandatory CCTV in all abattoirs with regular inspections is needed to restore the community's faith in this industry, that installation of closed-circuit television in abattoirs and meat processing premises can help ensure the industry meets its animal welfare obligations, and that The Greens have a bill to require mandatory CCTV in all abattoirs, and requesting that the House support the Food Amendment (Recording of Abattoir Operations) Bill.

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22 February 2017	747 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Faruqi	Stating that current guidelines for the keeping of animals in circuses in Australia are totally inadequate to protect their welfare and are far below what is generally required for the same species kept in zoos, that performing circus animals are kept for prolonged periods in close confinement in artificial social groups, are continually transported between circus venues for the duration of their performing lives which leads to stress, boredom and often results in abnormal behaviours such as repetitive pacing or swaying, and that a growing number of local councils are banning the use of exotic animals in circuses on land in their local government area, and requesting that the House support a ban on the use of exotic animals in circuses and support a move to animal free circuses.
23 February 2017	1,213 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Stating that they have grave concern for the future of Hurstville Baptist Church which is being compulsorily acquired by the Georges River Council, and that the former Hurstville City Council and current Georges River Council have acted contrary to required processes, ignoring their full responsibilities under the Act and behaving in such ways that invalidate the compulsory acquisition notice, and requesting that the House call on the Minister for Local Government to withdraw the Proposed Acquisition Notice and fully investigate the acquisition process.
7 March 2017	1,403 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Stating that the closure of Fairfield Ambulance Station at the end of the year and the relocation of paramedics to the Bankstown Super Station will leave Fairfield and surrounding communities without paramedics or an ambulance station, that the additional 15 kilometre journey can take anywhere from 20 to 40 minutes depending on traffic, and requesting that the House call on the Government to keep Fairfield Ambulance Station open and maintain current staffing levels, as rapid access to an ambulance service saves lives and is a fundamental right to which the people of Fairfield are entitled.
7 March 2017	49 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Stating that they have grave concern for the future of Hurstville Baptist Church which is being compulsorily acquired by the Georges River Council, and that the former Hurstville City Council and current Georges River Council have acted contrary to required processes, ignoring their full responsibilities under the Act and behaving in such ways that invalidate the compulsory acquisition notice, and requesting that the House call on the Minister for Local Government to withdraw the Proposed Acquisition Notice and fully investigate the acquisition process.
6 April 2017	4,174 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Irregular petition—Stating that the Government has renewed a coal seam gas (CSG) exploration licence that covers the Shoalhaven, the renewal was granted despite the Government not having started a Strategic Landuse Plan for the region or having identified CSG development in the South Coast Regional Plan, that CSG has been shown in areas of New South Wales, Queensland and overseas to create a risk of contamination, and has been linked to negative health impacts, and that the Deputy Premier has acknowledged that CSG wells are likely to have a negative impact on property values, and requesting that the House call on the Government to withdraw the CSG licence over the Shoalhaven, put in place mining and CSG no-go zones that protect productive agricultural land, water systems and sensitive environmental areas, and assist the community to develop a regional strategy that promotes renewable energy solutions for local energy supplies.

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9 May 2017	366 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating strong opposition to the Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016 and the Summary Offences Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2017, stating that the Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016, by repealing all laws punishing unlawful abortion, increases potential dangers to women by removing restrictions against unqualified persons performing an abortion including self-administered abortions, that the bill allows the abortion of viable babies right up until birth without restriction, that the bill fails to include safeguards to ensure women give fully informed consent and that the bill overrides any professional or conscientious objection that practitioners may have to abortion, that the bill disregards the reality that many women have abortions as a result of pressure, coercion, lack of support or domestic violence from others, particularly their male partners, that the bill removes protections for the health of women, that both bills limit freedom of speech and freedom of assembly for New South Wales residents, and that both bills ignore the reality that women readily access abortion in New South Wales with between 25,000 and 35,000 abortions per year in this state, and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Abortion Law Reform (Miscellaneous Acts Amendment) Bill 2016 and the Summary Offences Amendment (Safe Access to Reproductive Health Clinics) Bill 2017.
10 May 2017	56,558 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Donnelly	Similar request.
10 May 2017	58 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Similar request.
11 May 2017	60 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Similar request.
23 May 2017	3,329 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Donnelly	Similar request.
10 August 2017	506 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that public primary schools across Sydney's Eastern Suburbs are at capacity following significant demographic change, that only one high school remains to service students from ten primary schools and is reaching capacity, that there is continued significant residential growth in the area, that an additional high school is needed for local public secondary education, that redevelopment is reducing availability of land for additional schools, that parents reject proposals to send their children to alternative high schools that are logistically far and removed from the local community, that changing school boundaries and adding demountable classrooms to Rose Bay Secondary College are not sustainable long term solutions, and requesting that the House call on the Government to urgently establish a new public high school in Sydney's east, to undertake extensive community consultation resulting in a plan to address the urgent demand for local public secondary education, and to place a moratorium on the sale of public land until it is established whether land must be prioritised for use as a public high school.
11 October 2017	183 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that sovereignty over the land that forms Australia has never been ceded, that dispossession from the land has had huge negative impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the stolen generation, health, life expectancy, incarceration and structural disadvantage after centuries of discriminatory policies, that 50 years have passed since the 1967 Referendum and 25 years since the Mabo decision and 20 years since the 'Bringing Them Home' report yet the injustice continues, that it is now time to make history by establishing a Makarrata Commission and signing a binding treaty, and requesting that the House call on the Government to commit New South Wales to establishing a Makarrata Commission and a treaty with Aboriginal people.

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12 October 2017	35,003 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Donnelly	Stating that assisted suicide involves helping an individual take his or her own life and involves the conscious and deliberate killing of another human being, that the law in this state has traditionally upheld respect for human life and the passing of a law that codifies and legalises assisted suicide and euthanasia would fundamentally undermine that respect and radically change the nature of the doctor-patient relationship, that the bill poses a particular danger to the frail, aged, sick, mentally impaired, vulnerable and disabled in the state, that such a bill cannot create and enforce safeguards or provide guarantees against potential abuse and exploitation, that such laws if passed will be amended over time liberalising the application of assisted suicide and euthanasia as featured in a number of overseas jurisdictions where such laws operate, that every citizen of this state should have access to the best possible care at the end of their life, that palliative care is the primary means through which such care is delivered, and must be available across the state, and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2017.
16 November 2017	199 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Donnelly	Similar request.
13 February 2018	212 citizens of New South Wales	Mr MacDonald	Stating that residential and commercial development in Newcastle are projected to increase, and requesting that the House call on the Government and the contractor, Newcastle Transport, to consider extension of the current ferry service between Stockton and Queens Wharf to include additional facilities at Wickham and Carrington.
13 February 2018	10,668 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Buckingham	Bringing the attention of the House to a proposal by The Next Generation NSW Pty Ltd to build an energy from waste incinerator at Eastern Creek, stating that the incinerator would worsen air quality in Western Sydney, that the project will increase ultrafine particulates and there are no regulatory standards or methods for capturing or monitoring them, that the people of Greater Western Sydney should not be subjected to a proposal that will impact the health of generations of people, that the proposed location is unsuitable because it is near Prospect Reservoir and because the incinerator will shut down when temperatures reach 37 degrees which is an increasingly common occurrence, and requesting that the House call on the Government to cancel the proposal of The Next Generation Pty Ltd.
13 March 2018	526 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Stating that the impact of shark bites includes deep personal and community grief, that shark nets do not guarantee public safety but do kill hundreds of dolphins, turtles, rays, whales and sharks each year, and that there are numerous non-lethal methods that successfully reduce the risk of shark bites, and requesting that the House call on the Government to support non-lethal, science-based and community driven approaches to reducing the risk of shark bites in New South Wales, including community based programs such as Shark Watch, tagging and monitoring programs, personal deterrent devices, and reject the use of shark nets in New South Wales that do not guarantee public safety.
2 May 2018	4,394 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Stating that Human Trafficking is an abhorrent form of modern slavery, is a transnational crime that preys on the most vulnerable, includes slavery and slavery like practices such as servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, organ trafficking, deceptive recruiting as well as forced marriage and childhood brides, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Modern Slavery Bill 2018.
3 May 2018	691 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Similar request.
24 May 2018	1,263 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Similar request.
6 June 2018	71 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Similar request.

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19 June 2018	28 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that in light of the passing of same-sex marriage law by the federal parliament, effective redefinition of “marriage” and “family” under that law, recent calls for the repeal of religious exemptions from anti-discrimination law, concerns that people of faith and organisations of conscience are expressing about the potential loss of their religious liberties, and introduction of the Anti-Discrimination (Religious Freedoms) Bill 2018 on 24 May 2018 to safeguard religious freedoms in NSW, they request that this House will pass this Bill and do all things necessary to give effect to its provisions.
19 June 2018	128 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that the petitioners support the introduction of legislation to protect their right to religious belief, asking that their right to religious belief and the opportunity to participate in religious activities as individuals or organisations, be protected, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms) Bill.
19 June 2018	38 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that Human Trafficking is an abhorrent form of modern slavery, is a transnational crime that preys on the most vulnerable, includes slavery and slavery like practices such as servitude, forced labour, debt bondage, organ trafficking, deceptive recruiting as well as forced marriage and childhood brides, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Modern Slavery Bill 2018.
21 June 2018	226 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	Similar request.
14 August 2018	535 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Stating that police numbers in the Tweed region have been slashed so severely that staffing levels are now in crisis, in February 2012 the Tweed Byron Police District had a strength of 198 officers but alarmingly by September 2017 officer strength was down to just 165 police, the Nationals are neglecting our area and refusing to provide Tweed with enough police to keep our community safe, calling for police numbers to be restored in Tweed, demanding that the Liberal-National Government stop ignoring the safety concerns of local residents, and asking the Legislative Council to restore police numbers in the Tweed.
14 August 2018	222 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that the petitioners support the introduction of legislation to protect their right to religious belief, asking that their right to religious belief and the opportunity to participate in religious activities as individuals or organisations, be protected, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms) Bill.
14 August 2018	39 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that in light of the passing of same-sex marriage law by the federal parliament, effective redefinition of “marriage” and “family” under that law, recent calls for the repeal of religious exemptions from anti-discrimination law, concerns that people of faith and organisations of conscience are expressing about the potential loss of their religious liberties, and introduction of the Anti-Discrimination (Religious Freedoms) Bill 2018 on 24 May 2018 to safeguard religious freedoms in NSW, they request that this House will pass this Bill and do all things necessary to give effect to its provisions.
16 August 2018	722 citizens of New South Wales	Mr MacDonald	Stating that they have serious concerns as to the safety of the public at the intersection of Tennent Road, Warners Bay Road, Progress Road and Dunkley Parade, Mount Hutton, on the 6 July 2018, a young girl was run over by a vehicle at the pedestrian crossing, and in the past previous similar incidents have occurred, the traffic lights intersection is in need of safety upgrades before a fatality occurs; and requesting that the House call upon the Government to have the intersection assessed by traffic safety engineers for short and long term solutions. Short term actions need to ensure that this intersection will result in pedestrian safety and avoid future accidents. The longer term solution is to reopen Warners Bay Road to the Bayview Street intersection which will direct major traffic flows away from Mount Hutton Public School on Dunkley Parade.

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19 September 2018	567 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Irregular petition—Stating that residents of Kingscliff, Cudgen, Chinderah and the Tweed Region in Northern NSW consider the filling and residential development of land zoned for Future Urban Use in the 22016(VI) Kingscliff Locality Plan, which lies within the Flood Prone Land so designated in the Draft Tweed Valley Flood Risk Management Study of 2013, poses an unacceptable flood risk to both current and future residents, and requesting that the House call on the Tweed Shire Council to: review and upgrade the current Flood Management Study in light of the flood levels reached in the West Kingscliff and Turnock St precincts in the April 1st 2017 flood, and the likelihood of even higher future levels should local Kingscliff rainfall match that in the 2017 Hinterland event, or the flood of 2013; take into account the effect of the proposed filling of the wetland flood storage area on both North and South sides of Turnock St, Kingscliff and South of the Noble Park Estate and Kingfisher Crt between the Coast Rd and the Elrond Dr/Turnock St roundabout; halt all filling for urban development on flood-prone land and current flood storage land between Kingscliff village and the Tweed River pending a new hydrological study; and investigate rezoning to prohibit the filling of current Future Urban Use land within the currently designated Flood Prone Lane (as identified in 2013 Risk Management Study).
20 September 2018	64 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that in light of the passing of same-sex marriage law by the federal parliament, effective redefinition of “marriage” and “family” under that law, recent calls for the repeal of religious exemptions from anti-discrimination law, concerns that people of faith and organisations of conscience are expressing about the potential loss of their religious liberties, and introduction of the Anti-Discrimination (Religious Freedoms) Bill 2018 on 24 May 2018 to safeguard religious freedoms in NSW, they request that this House will pass this Bill and do all things necessary to give effect to its provisions.
20 September 2018	547 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Stating that the petitioners support the introduction of legislation to protect their right to religious belief, asking that their right to religious belief and the opportunity to participate in religious activities as individuals or organisations, be protected, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms) Bill.
26 September 2018	196 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that the police drug dogs program does not work, with 80 percent of searches on public transport being false positives; the program does not target high-level drug dealers or suppliers and targets young people, the poor and Aboriginal communities. Innocent people should not be subjected to invasive and humiliating searches on the basis of a false positive indication from a drug dog, over the past six months the New South Wales Police have refused entry to people searched at music festivals even though no drugs were found on them, which is an abuse of police power and needs to end and request that the Legislative Council stop the New South Wales Police practice of denying entry to patrons after a false positive, end the New South Wales Police drug dogs program and legalise cannabis.
26 September 2018	27,148 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person’s life being deliberately taken to save another’s, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.

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26 September 2018	10,119 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Irregular petition— Stating that the international community has noted the deterioration of the human rights situation in China which has been involved in the removal of organs from live prisoners of conscience or persecuted minorities and administering the use of these organs, that Mr David Shoebridge MLC has begun formal consultation on the Human Tissue Amendment (Trafficking in Human Organs) Bill to prohibit New South Wales residents from engaging in illegal harvesting or trafficking of human organs, that the international trade of organs produces abuses of human rights, seeing people killed to order with one person's life being deliberately taken to save another's, that while most countries have laws prohibiting the sale and forced removal of organs evidence suggests that the practice continues to be widespread in a number of countries, the most commonly cited country is China, that one way of addressing this brutal trade is for countries like Australia to impose prohibitions on its citizens, making it a crime to receive trafficked organs sourced by illegal and unethical means, and requesting that the House outlaw human organ trafficking and harvesting as proposed in the bill, make it illegal for people in New South Wales to receive an organ overseas that has been trafficked or illegally harvested, and urge the federal Government to make changes to laws regarding overseas organ harvesting and trafficking.
27 September 2018	13 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Stating police numbers in the Tweed region have been slashed so severely that staffing levels are now in crisis, in February 2012 the Tweed Byron Police District had a strength of 198 officers but alarmingly by September 2017 officer strength was down to just 165 police, the Nationals are neglecting our area and refusing to provide Tweed with enough police to keep our community safe, calling for police numbers to be restored in Tweed, demanding that the Liberal-National Government stop ignoring the safety concerns of local residents, and asking the Legislative Council to restore police numbers in the Tweed.
16 October 2018	670 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Secord	Bringing attention to return of a 24 hour, 7 days a week fully staffed police station for Tweed, Murwillumbah and Kingscliff (the Tweed Byron Local Area Command), an appropriate number of available vehicles to service each Police Station's requirement to meet community needs, foot patrol presence in Murwillumbah, Tweed Heads and Kingscliff and greater police presence in the surrounding villages of Murwillumbah and Kingscliff; and requesting the Government immediately restore fully manned 24 hour, 7 days a week police services to the Tweed/Byron area.
16 October 2018	746 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Walker	Stating that the signatories want to save prime agricultural farmland at Cudgen on the Tweed Coast from being rezoned and developed now and in the future and requesting that the House protect fertile farmland on the Cudgen Plateau from being developed for a new Tweed Valley Hospital and develop a new hospital for the Tweed region on a site that is more accessible and won't lead to the loss of precious farmland.
16 October 2018	189 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that the police drug dogs program does not work, with 80 percent of searches on public transport being false positives; the program does not target high-level drug dealers or suppliers and targets young people, the poor and Aboriginal communities. Innocent people should not be subjected to invasive and humiliating searches on the basis of a false positive indication from a drug dog, over the past six months the New South Wales Police have refused entry to people searched at music festivals even though no drugs were found on them, which is an abuse of police power and needs to end and request that the Legislative Council stop the New South Wales Police practice of denying entry to patrons after a false positive, end the New South Wales Police drug dogs program and legalise cannabis.
16 October 2018	51 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that sovereignty over the land that forms Australia has never been ceded, that dispossession from the land has had huge negative impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the stolen generation, health, life expectancy, incarceration and structural disadvantage after centuries of discriminatory policies, that 50 years have passed since the 1967 Referendum and 25 years since the Mabo decision and 20 years since the 'Bringing Them Home' report yet the injustice continues, that it is now time to make history by establishing a Makarrata Commission and signing a binding treaty, and requesting that the House call on the Government to commit New South Wales to establishing a Makarrata Commission and a treaty with Aboriginal people.

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17 October 2018	560 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	<p>Calling on the House to recognise every year thousands of marine animals are injured or killed in NSW as a result of ingesting or being caught in plastic waste, it is estimated that 8 million tonnes of plastic enters our waterways globally each year, and requesting that the House take urgent action to ban single use plastics including bags, balloons, straws and cutlery, ensure NSW adopts a world class container deposit scheme, invest in soft plastics recycling programs to ensure everyday packaging doesn't become litter and harm the marine environment, support research to clean up the legacy of plastic pollution in our waterways and ocean, and ban the use of microbeads in all cosmetic and detergent products.</p>
18 October 2018	204 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	<p>Stating that the impact of shark bites includes deep personal and community grief, that shark nets do not guarantee public safety but do kill hundreds of dolphins, turtles, rays, whales and sharks each year, there are numerous non-lethal methods that successfully reduce the risk of shark bites, and requesting that the House call on the Government to support non-lethal, science-based and community driven approaches to reducing the risk of shark bites in New South Wales, including community based programs such as Shark Watch, tagging and monitoring programs, personal deterrent devices, and reject the use of shark nets in New South Wales that do not guarantee public safety.</p>
13 November 2018	140 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	<p>Stating that in November 2016, the New South Wales Parliament passed laws that will have a devastating impact on the environment and wildlife, the Local Land Services Amendment Act 2016 and the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 will lead to a massive expansion of land-clearing, the release of millions of tonnes of greenhouse gases further exacerbating climate change and will result in acceleration in the loss of already threatened species, these laws expand the flawed biodiversity offset system and allow developers and miners to avoid their responsibilities by just paying into a fund, scientists, ecologists, environment groups, land carers and community groups have all objected to these laws, concerned about the significant risk to biodiversity; and requesting that the House calls on the government to repeal the Local Land Services Amendment Bill 2016 and the Biodiversity Conservation Bill 2016, enact laws that protect and improve our environment and wildlife, and preserve and enhance native vegetation as carbon sinks to mitigate climate change.</p>
13 November 2018	54 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	<p>Irregular petition—Stating that pokies are the leading cause of gambling-related harm, with 75 percent of all gambling addictions attributed to pokies, poker machines are currently being reviewed for being in breach of Australian Consumer Law, and requesting that the House increase transparency of the gambling industry to require venue-by-venue reporting of community losses to poker machines, implement laws and policies to reduce the number of pokies in New South Wales, particularly in clubs and pubs, and implement genuine harm minimisation strategies like one dollar bet limits.</p>
15 November 2018	312 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	<p>Calling on the House to recognise every year thousands of marine animals are injured or killed in NSW as a result of ingesting or being caught in plastic waste, it is estimated that 8 million tonnes of plastic enters our waterways globally each year, and requesting that the House take urgent action to ban single use plastics including bags, balloons, straws and cutlery, ensure NSW adopts a world class container deposit scheme, invest in soft plastics recycling programs to ensure everyday packaging doesn't become litter and harm the marine environment, support research to clean up the legacy of plastic pollution in our waterways and ocean, and ban the use of microbeads in all cosmetic and detergent products.</p>
20 November 2018	248 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Green	<p>Stating that the petitioners support the introduction of legislation to protect their right to religious belief, asking that their right to religious belief and the opportunity to participate in religious activities as individuals or organisations, be protected, and requesting that the House support the introduction and passage of the Anti-Discrimination Amendment (Religious Freedoms) Bill.</p>

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20 November 2018	178 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Stating that they strongly oppose the seismic testing about to commence off Newcastle and the Central Coast, to that seismic testing is known to cause auditory and navigational disturbances in whales and dolphins, and is linked to injury and death of marine life, that this negative impact on our coastal ecosystem would also be detrimental to our thriving tourism and fisheries industries, that an oil or gas field off the coast of Newcastle and the Central Coast places an unacceptable risk to our coastal ecosystem, and the potential of catastrophic harm to our coast and all marine life, severely impacting on all life, causes deep distress to residents, and requesting that the House call on the Government to ban seismic testing and cease gas/oil exploration off Newcastle and the Central Coast to protect our whales, dolphins and coastal ecosystem and the health of our residents.
21 November 2018	108 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Stating that the impact of shark bites includes deep personal and community grief, that shark nets do not guarantee public safety but do kill hundreds of dolphins, turtles, rays, whales and sharks each year, and that there are numerous non-lethal methods that successfully reduce the risk of shark bites, and requesting that the House call on the Government to support non-lethal, science-based and community driven approaches to reducing the risk of shark bites in New South Wales, including community based programs such as Shark Watch, tagging and monitoring programs, personal deterrent devices, and reject the use of shark nets in New South Wales that do not guarantee public safety.
22 November 2018	60 citizens of New South Wales	Mr MacDonald	Bringing the attention of the House to the significant decline in retail trading activity following the removal by Newcastle Transport of buses utilising Beaumont Street, Hamilton, Newcastle, and requesting that the House call on the Government to return passenger transport bus services linking nearby communities and Beaumont Street
22 November 2018	116 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that sovereignty over the land that forms Australia has never been ceded, that dispossession from the land has had huge negative impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, including the stolen generation, health, life expectancy, incarceration and structural disadvantage after centuries of discriminatory policies, that 50 years have passed since the 1967 Referendum and 25 years since the Mabo decision and 20 years since the "Bringing Them Home" report yet the injustice continues, that it is now time to make history by establishing a Makarrata Commission and signing a binding treaty, and requesting that the House call on the Government to commit New South Wales to establishing a Makarrata Commission and a treaty with Aboriginal people.

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