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NEW SOUTH WALES

Legislative Council

(FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH PARLIAMENT)

(Commencing 7 May 2019 and ending 3 March 2023)

## ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS RECEIVED

All petitions received unless otherwise noted.

Date Presented	Place of Petitioners and Signatures	Presented by	Abstract of Requests
30 May 2019	1,578 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Martin	Bringing the attention of the House to the current state of The Entrance Channel and requesting that the House urgently provide their support for the construction of a sea/break wall.
4 June 2019	209 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.
8 August 2019	72 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 legalises abortion and facilitates late term abortion, fails to protect medical practitioners with a conscientious objection, that the Bill does not provide professional standards for medical practitioners performing the required duties, that the Bill provides no protections for women who may have been coerced into having an abortion, and that there has been a failure to facilitate a meaningful process of debate. The petitioners request that the House oppose the Bill or take steps to repeal the Bill in the event that it passes.
8 August 2019	81 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that they strongly oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that this Bill has been rushed through Parliament with no community consultation, intentionally excluding all concerned citizens including people of faith from the debate. The petitioners request that the House unanimously oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 on the basis that the moral, ethical, legal and social issues have not been sufficiently debated and that human reproduction requires a multifaceted, inter-disciplinary approach allowing people of faith to contribute to the debate.
8 August 2019	24 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 legalises abortion and facilitates late term abortion, that the Bill's provisions force medical practitioners who wish to exercise a conscientious objection to direct patients to an abortionist, that the Bill does not provide professional standards for medical practitioners performing the required duties, that the Bill provides no protections for women who may have been coerced into having an abortion, that there has been a failure to facilitate due process of debate, community consultation or a public inquiry. The petitioners request that the House oppose the Bill in its current form.

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20 August 2019	230 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Martin	Requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
20 August 2019	37 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 will put mothers and unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion up to twenty-two weeks, that there are no effective restrictions to late term abortion and that the bill fails to consider physicians with a conscientious objection and requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
20 August 2019	2,001 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that they oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that there hasn't been adequate community consultation, that the bill fails to consider physicians with a conscientious objection and protect women who may be coerced into undergoing the procedure and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
20 August 2019	7,000 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Farlow	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 will place mothers and their unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion, that the bill places no effective restrictions on late term abortion and would impose on medical practitioners with a conscientious objection to abortion, an unwarranted new legal obligation to facilitate abortion through referral and requesting respectfully that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
20 August 2019	1,663 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that they oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that there hasn't been adequate community consultation, that the bill fails to consider physicians with a conscientious objection and protect women who may be coerced into undergoing the procedure and requesting that the House oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, or take steps to repeal the Bill if it passes.
20 August 2019	144 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that they strongly oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that the bill places mothers and their unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion, that the bill fails to consider physicians with a conscientious objection and protect women who may be coerced into undergoing the procedure and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
21 August 2019	3,572 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Farlow	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 will place mothers and their unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion, that the Bill places no effective restrictions on late term abortion and would impose on medical practitioners with a conscientious objection to abortion, an unwarranted new legal obligation to facilitate abortion through referral and requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
21 August 2019	26,000 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Borsak	Stating their strong opposition to the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that the Bill puts mothers and their unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion, that the Bill fails to protect against coercion, that the Bill has no effective restrictions against late term abortion and that the Bill imposes on medical practitioners with a professional or conscientious objection to abortion, an unwarranted new legal obligation to facilitate abortion through referral and respectfully requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
21 August 2019	40,000 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Borsak	Requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
22 August 2019	5,300 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Borsak	Requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
22 August 2019	2,600 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Borsak	Stating their strong opposition to the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that the Bill puts mothers and their unborn babies at risk by increasing access to abortion, that the Bill fails to protect against coercion, that the Bill has no effective restrictions against late term abortion and that the Bill imposes on medical practitioners with a professional or conscientious objection to abortion, an unwarranted new legal obligation to facilitate abortion through referral and respectfully requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.

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17 September 2019	19 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Maclaren-Jones	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 forces doctors with a conscientious objection to become an unwilling accessory to abortion, that the Bill allows sex-selection abortions, that unborn children feel pain and can live a full life even after being born at 22 weeks, that this Bill will result in the increase of late term abortions and does not provide protections for women who may be coerced into having the procedure, and requesting that the House reject the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
17 September 2019	1,551 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that they oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019, that there has not been adequate community consultation, that the Bill fails to consider physicians with a conscientious objection and fails to protect women who may be coerced into undergoing the procedure and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019.
17 September 2019	389 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 legalises late term abortion, compels physicians with a conscientious objection to facilitate abortion, that the bill does not include any professional standards by which physicians are to perform their duties, fails to protect women who may be coerced into having the procedure, that there has not been adequate community consultation and requesting that the House oppose the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 or in the event of its passage, take steps to repeal the Bill.
19 September 2019	547 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Hurst	Stating, that there is growing concern within the community about an underground dog and cat meat trade, and requesting that the Legislative Council call on the Government to introduce legislation to ban the consumption of cats and dogs in New South Wales.
24 September 2019	1,629 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 legalises abortion and facilitates late term abortion, that the Bill's provisions force medical practitioners who wish to exercise a conscientious objection to direct patients to another practitioner, that the Bill does not provide professional standards for medical practitioners performing the required duties, that the Bill provides no protections for women who may have been coerced into having an abortion, that there has been a failure to facilitate due process of debate, community consultation or a public inquiry and requesting that the House oppose the Bill in its current form.
24 September 2019	558 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Stating that the Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019 legalises abortion and facilitates late term abortion, fails to protect medical practitioners with a conscientious objection, that the Bill does not provide professional standards for medical practitioners performing the required duties, that the Bill provides no protections for women who may have been coerced into having an abortion, that there has been a failure to facilitate a meaningful process of debate and requesting that the House oppose the Bill or take steps to repeal the Bill in the event that it passes.
15 October 2019	710 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Latham	Stating that there is a lack of adequate car parking facilities at Leppington Station and requesting the release of the funds promised prior to the March 2019 election to fast track the construction of additional car parking at Leppington Train Station.
22 October 2019	12,316 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that on 14 February 2004, 17 year old Thomas "TJ" Hickey was killed while being pursued by police, that TJ's family still don't know how and why he died, that the police investigation was inadequate, the coronial inquiry was incomplete, that TJ's death represents the pain and absence of justice that so many Aboriginal families experience in the criminal justice system, and requesting that the House establish a Parliamentary inquiry to examine the events leading up to and following TJ Hickey's death and to support a review of the coronial inquiry.
12 November 2019	275 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Expressing concerns with the passage of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 and requesting that the House introduce legislation to repeal the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019.
13 November 2019	544 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Expressing concerns about the care and treatment of retired companion greyhounds in this State and requesting that the House amend the Companion Animals Act 1998 to require councils to provide a dedicated off-leash space for retired companion greyhounds to exercise at least once a week.

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13 November 2019	1,480 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Field	Opposing Boral's application to expand the Dunmore sand mining operation into environmentally sensitive areas along the Minnamurra River and requesting that the Government oppose the Boral proposal and any new sand mining that risks the environmental, recreational value and tourism in the region.
21 November 2019	767 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Drawing the attention of the House to concerns about the impact the proposed Wallarah 2 coal mine will have on the Central Coast's drinking water catchment and local environment, and requesting that the House act to stop the Wallarah 2 coal mine.
21 November 2019	364 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Expressing concern about the impact of the proposed Wallarah 2 coal mine on the Central Coast's drinking water, air quality, threatened species and Aboriginal sites, and requesting that the mine be stopped
26 February 2020	1,592 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Noting the impact of the recent bushfires and calling on the House to declare an immediate moratorium on all clearing for development in all bushfire affected areas and to review all planned subdivisions in light of recent bushfire destruction and community safety concerns.
24 March 2020	405 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Expressing concerns with the passage of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 and requesting that the House introduce legislation to repeal the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019.
12 May 2020	803 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Noting the impact of the recent bushfires and calling on the House to declare an immediate moratorium on all clearing for development in all bushfire affected areas and to review all planned subdivisions in light of recent bushfire destruction and community safety concerns.
12 May 2020	195 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Expressing concerns with the passage of the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019 and requesting that the House introduce legislation to repeal the Abortion Law Reform Act 2019.
12 May 2020	24 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	Expressing strong opposition to the introduction of legislation which would permit an assisted suicide or and/or euthanasia regime and requests that the House reject any and all legislation that would enact such a regime.
4 August 2020	580 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Latham	Stating that Edmondson Park is a Master Planned Estate which desperately needs a public school due to the increasing population of young children and requesting the urgent approval of funding for the construction of a public school at Edmondson Park.
6 August 2020	3,063 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Requesting the Director of Public Prosecutions and SafeWork NSW to investigate criminal charges under the laws of New South Wales, and calling for accountability of all black deaths in custody from police, prisons, medical officers and governments and the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.
22 September 2020	897 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Faehrmann	Stating that pill testing is currently available in more than 20 countries across the world, with evidence suggesting that when people have more information about potentially harmful substances, they are more likely to engage in less risky behaviour and requesting that the House call on the Government to implement a two year trial of mobile and fixed lab-grade pill testing services in NSW.
15 October 2020	60 residents and visitors to the Northern Rivers Region of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Stating that the region has no effective public transport system for the use of business, tourists and residents and requesting that the Minister for Transport provide regular commuter train services extending to Tweed and the Gold Coast, immediate repair and extension of the Casino to Lismore service and the purchase of sufficient diesel rail cars to operate a train service from Lismore to Brisbane.
15 October 2020	3,608 resident and visitors to the Northern Rivers Region of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Stating that the region has no effective public transport system for the use of business, tourists and residents and requesting that the Minister for Transport provide regular commuter train services extending to Tweed and the Gold Coast, immediate repair and extension of the Casino to Lismore service and the purchase of sufficient diesel rail cars to operate a train service from Lismore to Brisbane.

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15 October 2020	4,097 residents and visitors to the Northern Rivers Region of New South Wales	Ms Boyd	Stating that the region has no effective public transport system for the use of business, tourists and residents and requesting that the Minister for Transport provide regular commuter train services extending to Tweed and the Gold Coast and immediate repair and extension of the Casino to Lismore service.
24 March 2021	750 residents of New South Wales	Mr Latham	Stating that the Gregory Hills Community have been waiting eight years for a new public school which is desperately needed due to the increasing population of young children, and requesting the urgent approval of funding for the construction of a public school at Gregory Hills.
6 May 2021	223 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Noting the impact of logging native forests and calling on the House to end all logging of native forests in New South Wales, to ensure that publicly owned native forests are managed for their environmental values, and to provide sustainable jobs and tourist drawcards for the region.
13 May 2021	41 residents of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that NSW Forestry Corporation proposes to conduct logging operations in the Headwaters of the Kalang Catchment in Roses Creek State Forest and surrounding areas, and requesting the House to insist that Forestry Corporation immediately cease all logging works in these areas.
13 May 2021	1,146 residents of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that Forestry Corporation proposes to conduct logging operations in the Headwaters of the Kalang Catchment in Roses Creek State Forest, Oaks State Forest and surrounding areas, and requesting the House to insist that Forestry Corporation immediately cease all planning and to protect the areas in perpetuity from any forms of logging.
13 May 2021	5,040 residents of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that Forestry Corporation proposes to conduct logging operations in the Headwaters of the Kalang Catchment in Oakes, Roses and Scotchman State Forests which are proven habitats for vulnerable and endangered species, and requesting that the House ensures that the native forests of the Kalang Headwaters are not logged and that they are added to the national park estate.
9 June 2021	711 residents and visitors to the Blue Mountains	Mr Searle	Stating that Crown Lands intend to revisit their decision to refuse a commercial lease over Katoomba airfield, and requesting that the House calls on the Government to reaffirm the decision made by Crown Lands in January 2020 to reject a helicopter-based commercial lease over Katoomba Airfield, to cease offering any further commercial leases for any purpose over this land, and to honour historical support for incorporation of the airfield as part of the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
19 October 2021	350 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating concerns over the proposal for a new Bungendore High School, the impacts of this development on the Mick Sherd Oval, and requesting that the House call on the Government to preserve the oval for community use.
23 February 2022	100,000 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Faehrmann	Stating concerns over terminally ill people in NSW experiencing unbearable suffering, which cannot be relieved, and requesting that the House call on the Government to pass voluntary assisted dying laws in 2021.
24 March 2022	291 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Shoebridge	Stating that the number of Indigenous children taken from their families has doubled, funding continues to be directed to removing children and placing children in foster care and calling on the Senate to uphold principles of self-determination; invest in early intervention services to keep families together and a dedicated program aimed at restoration to bring children home
10 May 2022	21,988 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Faehrmann	Stating that they strongly support the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021, as no terminally ill person should have to suffer against their wishes as they die and this is a compassionate and safeguarded reform, which offers choice and grants the same rights as every other Australian state. The petitioners request that the House acknowledges that the Legislative Assembly has already extensively debated and endorsed the bill in its current form, and request that this House pass the bill without significant amendment or delay.
10 May 2022	19,120 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Donnelly	Stating that they are completely opposed to the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021, as all human life has inherent value and must be treated with dignity and respect, and requesting that the House unanimously oppose the bill in any form and ultimately reject it.

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10 May 2022	147 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Banasiak	Stating that the Companion Animals Amendment (Puppy Farms) Bill 2021 goes beyond the scope of a legislative framework intended to end puppy farming and will lead to a scarcity in top-quality puppies which will not end puppy farms, and requesting that the House reject the bill and rigorously examine the proposals contained in the bill so as to avoid unintended consequences.
10 May 2022	1,103 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Cusack	Stating that the main railway line from Werris Creek via Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield to Queensland is of such strategic, economic and social value that it must be secured for passenger, freight and tourism rail services which are needed for the growth and development of the region. The petitioners request that the House reject any bill to close any part of the Main North Line from Armidale to Wallangarra and that the House maintain ownership of the line by The Transport Asset Holding Entity with full legal protection of this railway under the Transport Administration Act 1988.
10 May 2022	5,172 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Faehrmann	Stating that the NSW law allowing up to 19 helium filled balloons to be released must be removed, as scientific and anecdotal evidence shows balloons kill wildlife and farm animals, and requesting that the House reduce the number of helium filled balloons released to zero under the Protection of the Environment Operations Amendment (Balloons) Act 2000 No 82.
21 September 2022	2,832 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Pearson	Stating that they strongly oppose mulesing, as each year over 10 million Australian lambs suffer from the flesh around their backside cut off, often without pain relief. Mulesing is recognised globally as unnecessary cruelty, and though there are proven effective alternatives, the Australian government and wool industry still accept it as the status quo. The petitioners request that the House mandate a phase out of mulesing, complete by 2030 and with an immediate mandate of pain relief for all invasive procedures on lambs including mulesing, tail docking and castration, and to work with the wool industry to create a transition plan away from mulesing.
21 December 2022	19 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	To the President and Members of the Legislative Council, the petitioners of New South Wales state that 2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the 1983 Richmond Report. People living with severe mental health challenges remain overrepresented in the criminal justice systems, hospitals and among the homeless and unemployed. Our last inquiry was 20 years ago, and NSW is due for a comprehensive evaluation and review. The petitioners request that the House starts a NSW Parliament Inquiry on mental health.
21 December 2022	103 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Nile	To the President and Members of the Legislative Council, the petitioners of New South Wales who are committed to preserving and protecting Aboriginal culture and heritage, state that we support the Community support for the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (Culture is Identity) Bill 2022, as currently there are limited broad ranging protections for Aboriginal cultural heritage that ensure that Aboriginal people with legitimate cultural authority are leading the protection and preservation of ancient cultural sites for the benefit of all Australian people and future generations. The petitioners request that the House support the bill as this is consistent with the priority reform principles agreed by all levels of Government under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, and which will put the protection and preservation of ancient cultural heritage in the hands of Aboriginal people.