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NEW SOUTH WALES

Legislative Council

(SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FIRST PARLIAMENT)

(Commencing 16 April 1996 and ending 30 July 1997)

ABSTRACT OF PETITIONS RECEIVED

All petitions received unless otherwise noted

Date Presented	Place of Petitioners and Signatures	Presented by	Abstract of Prayers
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16 April	42 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Protesting at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the role of Governor of New South Wales and the absence of any electoral mandate or public consultation in facilitating such changes, and praying the House reverse these changes and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of the Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form approved by both Houses of the New South Wales Parliament.
16 April	1832 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
16 April	377 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Similar prayer
16 April	46 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Expressing concern that the Government has not protected high conservation value forests of the wet sub-tropics, and praying that the House solve the dispute over the forests of Murwillumbah Management Area by negotiating on the points contained in the North East Forest Alliance's Log of Claims and hold a public inquiry into the ecological sustainability of State Forest's policies, practices and prescriptions.
16 April	318 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern about legal changes which could increase or encourage the distribution or availability of soft drugs such as marijuana, and praying that the House take no measures that could extend the social problem of

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			drug use and oblige those who are promoting marijuana or similar drugs to prove without doubt that such drugs are harmless before any legislation or decriminalisation of use is introduced.
16 April	263 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern that the Education Reform Amendment (School Discipline) Act imposes severe limitation on freedom of religion in this State which includes the right to educate children using corporal correction in obedience with Holy Scriptures, and praying that the House repeal the Act.
16 April	86 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Similar prayer
16 April	107 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern that the new homosexual vilification amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act censors criticism and statements concerning homosexuals, and praying that the House repeal the legislation.
16 April	204 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Similar prayer
16 April	45 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
17 April	372 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
17 April	49 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Hannaford	Similar prayer
17 April	252 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Supporting the rights of parents for freedom of choice in education, and praying that the House oppose any attempts to remove the exemptions that exist in the Anti-Discrimination Act for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and Religious organisations.
17 April	202 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the new homosexual vilification amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act censors criticism and statements concerning homosexuals, and praying that the House repeal the legislation.
18 April	30 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the position of Governor of New South Wales and alienating the lands, office and residence of the Governor without any community consultation, and praying the House censure the Government and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum.
23 April	27 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Similar prayer
23 April	52 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House

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			support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
23 April	28 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Sexual Offence Damages Bill.
24 April	31 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the position of Governor of New South Wales and alienating the lands, office and residence of the Governor without any community consultation, and praying the House censure the Government and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum.
24 April	99 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that all Members of the House will exercise their free conscience vote in favour of the Unborn Child Protection Bill.
30 April	261 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Similar prayer
30 April	29 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the position of Governor of New South Wales and alienating the lands, office and residence of the Governor without any community consultation, and praying the House censure the Government and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum.
30 April	119 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Supporting the rights of parents for freedom of choice in education, and praying that the House oppose any attempts to remove the exemptions that exist in the Anti-Discrimination Act for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and Religious organisations.
30 April	205 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
30 April	78 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern about legal changes which could increase or encourage the distribution or availability of soft drugs such as marijuana, and praying that the House take no measures that could extend the social problem of drug use and oblige those who are promoting marijuana or similar drugs to prove without doubt that such drugs are harmless before any legislation or decriminalisation of use is introduced.
30 April	108 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the new homosexual vilification amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act censors criticism and statements concerning homosexuals, and praying that the House repeal the legislation.
2 May	35 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the position of Governor of New South Wales and alienating the lands, office and residence of the Governor without any community consultation, and praying the House censure the Government and put the issue of the role, duties and

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			future of the office of the Governor of New South Wales to a referendum.
14 May	28 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Similar prayer
23 May	51 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Burnswoods	Expressing concern at the proliferation of firearms and praying that the House will pass legislation restricting and controlling the use and access of firearms.
28 May	72 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
28 May	141 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that all Members of the House will exercise their free conscience vote in favour of the Unborn Child Protection Bill.
29 May	80 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
30 May	33 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
17 June	502 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Praying that the House reject the Oaths and Crown References Bill which has as its object the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen of Australia and the removal of references to The Crown from Government functionaries.
17 June	38 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Burnswoods	Expressing concern at the proliferation of firearms and praying that the House will pass legislation restricting and controlling the use and access of firearms.
18 June	508 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Praying that the House reject the Oaths and Crown References Bill which has as its object the abolition of the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen of Australia and the removal of references to The Crown from Government functionaries.
19 June	501 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
20 June	495 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
25 June	663 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
26 June	659 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
11 September	653 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
11 September	223 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the

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			quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
11 September	252 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that all Members of the House will exercise their free conscience vote in favour of the Unborn Child Protection Bill.
11 September	117 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in undermining the historic independence of the Governor of New South Wales by removing the Governor from Government House and the absence of any electoral mandate permitting such changes, and praying the House reverse the changes and put the protection of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form as is approved by both Houses of Parliament.
12 September	217 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Burnswoods	Praying that the House will cease granting licences to allow shooting of any flying foxes.
17 September	101 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Supporting the rights of parents for freedom of choice in education, and praying that the House oppose any attempts to remove the exemptions that exist in the Anti-Discrimination Act for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and Religious organisations.
17 September	364 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
17 September	1137 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Johnson	Praying that the House will oppose any attempt to legalise the practices of euthanasia or assisted suicide in the interests of preserving the welfare of society as a whole and medical ethics as emphasised by the Hippocratic oath and the Declaration of Geneva.
17 September	167 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern about legal changes which could increase or encourage the distribution or availability of soft drugs such as marijuana, and praying that the House take no measures that could extend the social problem of drug use and oblige those who are promoting marijuana or similar drugs to prove without doubt that such drugs are harmless before any legislation or decriminalisation of use is introduced.
18 September	244 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
18 September	140 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern about legal changes which could increase or encourage the distribution or availability of soft drugs such as marijuana, and praying that the House take no measures that could extend the social problem of drug use and oblige those who are promoting marijuana or similar drugs to prove without doubt that such drugs are harmless before any legislation or decriminalisation of use is introduced.

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18 September	75 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
15 October	1644 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Protesting at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the role of Governor of New South Wales and the absence of any electoral mandate or public consultation in facilitating such changes, and praying the House reverse these changes and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form approved by both Houses of the New South Wales Parliament.
15 October	114 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
15 October	23 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Ryan	Expressing concern at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in undermining the historic independence of the Governor of New South Wales by removing the Governor from Government House and the absence of any electoral mandate permitting such changes, and praying the House reverse the changes and put the protection of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form as is approved by both Houses of Parliament.
15 October	1511 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Burnswoods	Praying that the House will cease granting licences to allow shooting of any flying foxes.
16 October	1620 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Protesting at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the role of Governor of New South Wales and the absence of any electoral mandate or public consultation in facilitating such changes, and praying the House reverse these changes and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form approved by both Houses of the New South Wales Parliament.
17 October	1532 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
22 October	1539 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
23 October	1551 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
29 October	1583 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
30 October	1606 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
31 October	1595 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer
12 November	156 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House

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12 November	1554 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill. Protesting at the actions of the Carr Labor Government in changing and downgrading the role of Governor of New South Wales and the absence of any electoral mandate or public consultation in facilitating such changes, and praying the House reverse these changes and put the issue of the role, duties and future of the office of the Governor of New South Wales to a referendum in such form approved by both Houses of the New South Wales Parliament.
12 November	163 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Expressing concern that the new homosexual vilification amendment to the Anti-Discrimination Act censors criticism and statements concerning homosexuals, and praying that the House repeal the legislation.
12 November	326 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
27 November	Mr Ian Peter Scott O'Donahoo, Solicitor, acting on behalf of The Herald and Weekly Times Limited	Mr Vaughan	Praying that the House grant leave to: 1. Adduce in evidence in Court proceedings certified copies of the Hansard record of the second reading speech given on 18 September 1996 by the Honourable J W Shaw, Attorney General and Minister for Industrial Relations, upon introducing into the Legislative Council the Defamation Bill 1996. 2. Allow the reception into evidence of those certified copies as evidence only of the words said in the course of debate in the Legislative Council on the occasion applicable to the particular extract from Hansard to which reference is made, and of the identity of the person saying the words recorded in Hansard.
4 December	80 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Gallacher	Praying that the House oppose any attempts to legalise or decriminalise the practice of euthanasia, to ensure that the quality of life of the elderly, handicapped and terminally ill is not subject to unjust or unethical procedures and call on all medical practitioners to uphold the Hippocratic Oath and the principles of palliative care.
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8 April	139 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Sexual Offence Damages Bill.
8 April	18 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Gallacher	Praying that the House will support community impact studies when the government is planning major changes in its instrumentalities, its resources or its funding in rural areas.
8 April	24 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Expressing concern at the space and environment provided by Animal-use industries in this State for the free expression of animals' behavioural needs and interests, and praying that the House will execute a ban, within one

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			year of the presentation of this petition, on animal exploitation such as battery cages for hens, single stalls and farrowing crates for sows, feedlots for cattle and intensive housing for broilers, wildlife and other animals.
8 April	92 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Affirming total support for the family unit comprising a male and female united in marriage with or without children, the rights of parents to use appropriate discipline with their children in homes and choose the discipline used within their school, and praying that the Housetake stronger action against excessive physical punishment of children, repeal the Education Reform Amendment (School Discipline) Act 1995 and reject any proposals to increase government control over families.
8 April	105 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that all Members of the House will exercise their free conscience vote in favour of the Unborn Child Protection Bill.
8 April	56 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
8 April	258 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern at the actions of the participants in the Sydney Homosexual and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade while children are watching thus placing them and others in moral danger, protesting against the parody of religious figures in the parade, and praying that the House will allow a conscience vote to put an end to the parade.
9 April	22 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Expressing concern at the space and environment provided by Animal-use industries in this State for the free expression of animal's behavioural needs and interests, and praying that the House will execute a ban, within one year of the presentation of this petition, on animal exploitation such as battery cages for hens, single stalls and farrowing crates for sows, feedlots for cattle and intensive housing for broilers, wildlife and other animals.
10 April	24 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer
17 April	22 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer
23 April	35 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer
6 May	15 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer
7 May	21 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer
8 May	180 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Supporting the rights of parents for freedom of choice in education, and praying that the House oppose any attempts to remove the exemptions that exist in the Anti-Discrimination Act for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and Religious organisations.
8 May	135 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern about legal changes which could increase or encourage the distribution or availability of soft drugs such as marijuana, and praying that the House

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			take no measures that could extend the social problem of drug use and oblige those who are promoting marijuana or similar drugs to prove without doubt that such drugs are harmless before any legislation or decriminalisation of use is introduced.
8 May	158 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Expressing concern that the advertisement of alcoholic beverages in the community has an adverse effect upon the youth of our society, and praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Alcoholic Beverages Advertising Prohibition Bill.
15 May	287 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Praying that the House pass a bill allowing for a statewide referendum on the matter of legalising strictly and properly regulated voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill.
21 May	2,790 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Similar prayer
22 May	456 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Similar prayer
22 May	8 citizens of New South Wales	Revd Mr Nile	Supporting the rights of parents for freedom of choice in education, and praying that the House oppose any attempts to remove the exemptions that exist in the Anti-Discrimination Act for Christian, religious and other non-government schools, churches and Religious organisations.
22 May	14 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Nile	Praying that the House support the prompt passage of the Sexual Offence Damages Bill.
27 May	1,214 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Praying that the House pass a bill allowing for a statewide referendum on the matter of legalising strictly and properly regulated voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill.
29 May	29 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Praying that the House pass a bill allowing for a statewide referendum on the matter of legalising strictly and properly regulated voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill.
16 June	67 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Bull	Expressing concern at the proposal to increase the taxation rate relating to poker machine profits of registered clubs, and praying that the House will reject any increase in the taxation of such profits.
16 June	42 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Lynn	Similar prayer
16 June	248 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Praying that the House will pass a Bill allowing for a Statewide Referendum on the matter of legalising strictly and properly regulated voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill.
16 June	25 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Expressing concern at the space and environment provided by Animal-use industries in this State for the free expression of animal's behavioural needs and interests, and praying that the House will execute a ban, within one year of the presentation of this petition, on animal exploitation such as battery cages for hens, single stalls and farrowing crates for sows, feedlots for cattle and intensive housing for broilers, wildlife and other animals.
17 June		Mr Hannaford	

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	2,731 citizens of New South Wales		Expressing concern at the proposal to increase the taxation rate relating to poker machine profits or registered clubs, and praying that the House will reject any increase in the taxation of such profits.
17 June	2,523 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Bull	Similar prayer.
17 June	1,801 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Samios	Similar prayer.
17 June	3,655 citizens of New South Wales	Mrs Forsythe	Expressing concern at the proposal to increase the taxation rate relating to poker machine profits or registered clubs, and praying that the House will reject any increase in the taxation of such profits.
17 June	860 citizens of New South Wales	Dr Goldsmith	Similar prayer.
17 June	465 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jobling	Similar prayer.
17 June	4,596 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Kersten	Similar prayer.
17 June	9,931 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Gallacher	Similar prayer.
17 June	3,053 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Gay	Similar prayer.
17 June	3,142 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Moppett	Similar prayer.
17 June	11,290 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Ryan	Similar prayer.
20 June	1,129 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Expressing concern at the space and environment provided by Animal-use industries in this State for the free expression of animal's behavioural needs and interests, and praying that the House will execute a ban, within one year of the presentation of this petition, on animal exploitation such as battery cages for hens, single stalls and farrowing crates for sows, feedlots for cattle and intensive housing for broilers, wildlife and other animals.
23 June	673 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer.
23 June	682 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Ryan	Similar prayer.
24 June	1,179 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer.
25 June	1,630 citizens of New South Wales	Mr Jones	Similar prayer.
26 June	18 citizens of New South Wales	Ms Kirkby	Praying that the House will pass a Bill allowing for a Statewide Referendum on the matter of legalising strictly and properly regulated voluntary euthanasia for the terminally ill.
