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The Parliament of the
Commonwealth of AustraliaSim

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AustraliaSim Parliamentary
Consultative Body Bill 2017

**A Bill for an Act to allow the public to be
active in the subreddit**

1 Short Title

This Act may be cited as the *AustraliaSim Parliamentary Consultative Body Act 2017*.

2 Commencement

This Act commences immediately after receiving Royal Assent.

3 Objects

The purpose of this bill is to engage all members of the sim regardless of whether they are elected representatives or not. This bill will allow members and ministers to develop more comprehensive policy with the assistance of citizen experts.

4 Definitions

Commission: A commission will be a permanent or semi permanent body designed to provide standing legislative or policy advice on one specific area of focus. Any member of Parliament may request assistance from the commission, to be granted at the chairperson's discretion.

Committee: A committee will be a temporary body created for the purpose of researching and providing legislation for one specific topic, to be disbanded upon submission of a final report or recommended legislation. Committees will have a finite duration as stipulated in the chairperson's motion, which may be extended via a further motion to the chairperson's respective house of Parliament.

Consultative body: A body established by an MP or Senator under this Act.

5 Establishment of a consultative body

Any member of Parliament or Senator may establish a parliament commission or committee through successful passage of a motion through their respective house of Parliament. It does not need bicameral approval.

To stipulate these motions, the member must stipulate:

- i. The nature of the body (committee or commission)
- ii. The name of the body
- iii. The formally defined scope of the body
- iv. The expected deliverables of the body
- v. The deadline of the body, if a committee

Once approved, the member may immediately assume their role as chairperson and begin recruitment for the body.

Any consultative body may be disbanded immediately upon passage of a motion of the house in which it originated.

6 Membership

The membership of the committee must consist of between 3–6 members, not including the chairperson, with no more than two members from any one political party.

The chairperson must, within 3 days of the establishment of the body, must advertise for applications of membership on the official AusSim page. The chairperson may add or remove members of the body at any time at their discretion. However, the member of the body may appeal their rejection or removal to the courts, who will use the following criteria to determine whether reinstatement or acceptance must be forced. Valid reasons to exclude another member include:

- i. Maximum number of members already reached
- ii. The body has already reached a conclusion or is nearing disbandment
- iii. The applicant has demonstrated a severe lack of understanding or expertise in the subject
- iv. The chairperson can prove on the balance of probability that the applicant would detract from the efficiency of the body

7 Scope

The body must be given a scope in its founding motion to which it must adhere. This scope may include the specific deliverables it must provide, or a detailed policy area it must advise on. Any legislation or policy recommendations provided, outside of the scope, must be discarded from Parliamentary proceedings or discussion.