

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

*Forty-eighth Report — “Overview of Petitions 16 May 2017 to 30 June 2018” — Tabling*

**HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan)** [10.07 am]: I am directed to present the forty-eighth report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs, titled “Overview of Petitions 16 May 2017 to 30 June 2018”.

[See paper 2220.]

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN:** The report that I have just tabled advises the house of the petitions that were finalised by the committee between 16 May 2017 and 30 June 2018. During this period, 74 petitions were tabled in the Legislative Council and the committee concluded its inquiries into 51 petitions. The committee also commenced an inquiry, stemming from a petition, into compensation mechanisms for economic loss to farmers caused by contamination from genetically modified material.

Petitions remain a popular method of informing members of Parliament about issues that affect the community, and the committee’s inquiries enhance transparency of government policy and decisions. Copies of public evidence relating to petitions, including submissions and government responses, are also available on the committee’s website. I commend the report to the house.