

How do I get involved?

Teacher Support Sheet

Overview

This video discusses how students can become involved in parliament and will cover topics relating to petitions, submissions and elections. It will also include a guide on how to access up to date, relevant information about the parliamentary process.

Key vocabulary

- Candidate
- Clerk
- Committee
- Election
- Legislative Assembly
- MP
- Minister
- Petition / E-Petition
- Submission

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Cloze passage - print worksheet



Queensland Petitions

*Interactive worksheet**



How Citizens Engage with Committees



Quizlet - What are parliamentary committees?

Vocabulary list

**Please note - interactive worksheets should be downloaded and saved to a desktop for optimal use. Interactive features are not compatible on mobile devices.*

Ideas for Learning Activities

Suggested activities	AC code	AC content descriptor
<p>Examining E-Petitions</p> <p>Visit the current e-petition page on the Queensland Parliament website. Pick a current e-petition and ask the students to record: the topic of the e-petition, posting date, closing date and total number of signatures.</p> <p>Find and watch a video link to the Clerk reading out an e-petition in parliament and ask students to highlight the petition section on a notice paper.</p>	ACHASSK145	Considering the responsibilities of electors (for example, enrolling to vote, being informed and voting responsibly).
<p>Submitting a petition</p> <p>Investigate the petition page on the Queensland Parliament website and examine the layout of petitions. Discuss the process of submitting petitions and revise the Information and Guidelines document.</p> <p>Complete the 2 part worksheet that enables students to complete a draft petition and create a Ministerial response to petition.</p>	QCAA Legal Studies Unit 1: Law, governance and change Topic 1: Governance in Australia	The structure and function of the three levels of government in Australia. Concepts of representative and responsible government. Accountability of parliament and the rule of law.
<p>Discuss the committee process</p> <p>Have students create a flow chart of the committee process and highlight the ability of citizens to make submissions, attend public hearings and then review the committee report. Ask the students to investigate the website and social media pages (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn) to find committee news about submissions or public hearings.</p>	ACHASSK146	Exploring how bills are debated and scrutinised (for example, the role of parliamentary committees and the ability of citizens to make submissions to these committees).

Further material

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[Guide to making a submission - parliamentary committees](#)

[Guide to appearing as a witness - parliamentary committees](#)

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