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Hi,

I would like to make a submission to the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill. My submission is purely concerned with the proposal to move the May-Day holiday back to the first weekend of May and move the Queen's birthday to October.

I have no ideological basis behind my submission, it is purely based on my preference as a Queenslander. The entire purpose of the bill is to 'spread' the holidays throughout the year. By its very nature, this recognises that concentrating holidays within a short period of time with the effect of having no holidays for long stretches of time is not enjoyable for most people. The bill proposes to further concentrate public holidays around April rather than spreading them more evening through year, as is currently enjoyed.

Easter and Anzac days are inextricably linked to their dates, internationally recognised and uniformly celebrated (except for countries that follow the Greek Orthodox tradition). This cannot be said of May day. Even within our own country, May day is only actually celebrated in May by Northern Territory. This holiday is not even recognised by Tasmania. All other states and territories have adjusted it to maximise the benefit of spreading holidays to their people.

Adopting this bill is doing a disservice to the enjoyment of those in Queensland for the ideological benefit of a few.

Thank you for the consideration of this submission.

Sincerely,

Nick Johns

