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**To:** [Finance and Administration Committee](#)  
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I am writing with regards to the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 and the proposal to restore Labour Day to May and switch the Queens Birthday to October.

I am opposed to this proposal for a number of reasons:

1. The current placement of the Labour Day holiday in October provides a better spread of public holidays through the year. When Easter falls later in April it is close to Anzac Day, as we had in 2014 and will have again in 2017 and 2019. If Labour Day is set as the first Monday in May, we end up with many public holidays in a very short period of time. It makes more sense to space the holidays out and, since neither Easter nor Anzac Day can be moved, the logical thing to do is to not have a public holiday at the beginning of May.
2. Labour Day is taken in March in WA and Victoria (but on different days), and on the first Monday in October in NSW, ACT and South Australia. The current placement of the Labour Day in October for Queensland brings us into line with the majority of the other states.
3. The government's intention of "honouring the real Labour Day" does not make sense since there is no unified celebration of Labour Day across Australia. It is also worth noting that no other state has Labour Day in May, and only the NT has a May Day holiday.

I therefore humbly request that the present arrangement of public holidays remain in place - with the Queens Birthday in June and Labour Day in October each year.

Yours sincerely

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