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Good afternoon

I wish to comment on the current legislation being put forward to move the June Queen's Birthday public holiday to October and replace it with a May Labour Day public holiday.

I object to the change of public holiday date for the following reasons: -

- Business impact – Qld would be the only State on the eastern seaboard of Australia at work on the second Monday of June each year. A significant number of our companies have Head Offices or general business dealings in New South Wales and Victoria, This would be an unproductive day of business for a lot of Queensland companies, in addition to the public holiday in May.
- Winter Weekend getaways and small business - my family and friends along with many others, visit the Granite Belt and Bunya Mountain districts on the June long week-end specifically for winter chill. The climate is not the same in May. We will no longer visit the districts, resulting in an economic loss to those local small businesses such as restaurants, convenience stores, accommodation, wineries etc.
- Too many public holidays in a short period – we would have Easter, Anzac Day and a 3rd public holiday within a very short period. By the 3rd public holiday, my family will be more than happy to stay at home - an economic loss to the tourism industry.
- I don't support the reasoning for having Labour Day rightfully in May when NSW will still celebrate their Labour Day in October.

I ask that the decision be made in the best interests for all Queenslanders and the economy.

Many thanks

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