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Research Director
Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Sir

Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012

We advise that the National Retail Association supports the proposal to restore the Queens Birthday holiday to the second Monday in June and to relocate the Labour Day holiday from the first Monday in May to the first Monday in October.

A better alignment of public holidays across Australia will generate cost reductions and efficiencies for business. Currently on holidays unique to Brisbane, my organisation needs to roster staff to work to enable us to service our interstate clients (where no holiday is being celebrated). Given the current level of public holiday penalties, significant additional labour costs are incurred. I am sure this position is representative of many businesses located across the south-east corner in particular.

Consequently the improved alignment of public holidays that will result from the Holidays and Other Legislation Amendment Bill will deliver reduced costs for many Queensland businesses and is supported by NRA.

Regards



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