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PUSH TO SOLVE DEBATE WITH A LONG WEEKEND



A petition has been launched calling on the federal government to introduce a national Australia Long Weekend celebration to finally resolve the annual January “Australia Day debate”.

Gunditjmara woman, and Clothing the Gap founder, Laura Thompson, said the new campaign to introduce a long weekend “might just be the answer we are looking for”.

Instead of marking “Australia Day” on January 26, the public holiday could move to the second-last Monday in January each year, creating a consistent long weekend that never falls on January 26.

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