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As January 26 approaches, public opinion on Australia Day remains as divided as ever.

While polls show support for the status quo, there are also calls to overhaul the public holiday and make it less divisive.

It's a day of new beginnings and generational pain. For some the writing is on the wall. More and more Australians not just First Nations people are not celebrating on this day.

According to one poll 70% of Australians support keeping the date the same, but another shows more than half of voters would prefer an Australian long weekend, a guaranteed public holiday on the second-last Monday in January.

Of course, some celebrations have already been moved around. Triple J's Hottest 100 hasn't been on 26 January for nearly 10 years and many here are ready to tune into a new date.

A different date, so people can still have that public holiday and still have that time to enjoy with their family but just on a day that doesn't have so much trauma.

And how will it be resolved? Common people talking about common causes and coming up with good solutions.

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