

## AUS DAY DIVISION – 10NEWS+ 12 Jan 2026 VIDEO

The Australia Long Weekend proposal seeks to shift the Australia Day public holiday to the second-last Monday in January, creating an Australia Long Weekend and an inclusive three-day festival of Australia between 18-24 January each year.



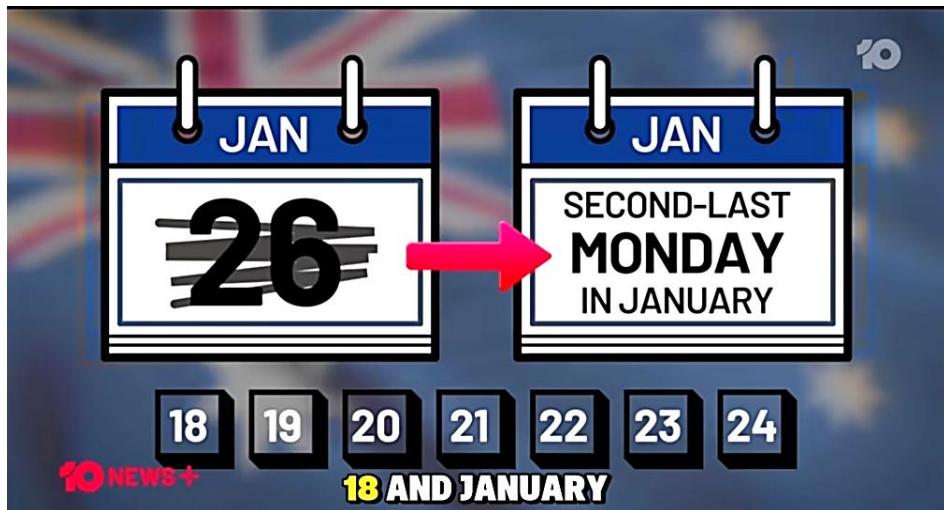
At present Australia Day 26 January marks the date of the commencement of colonisation and dispossession of First Nations people. This is a date that divides Australians.

A new date – the second-last Monday in January – means a new start and will create an Australia Long Weekend every year at a time that can bring everyone together.



Laura Thompson a Gunditjmara woman and Co-Founder of Clothing The Gaps was interviewed by 10News+. “Jan 26 is not a date to celebrate” she said. “We want to come up with a solution and we think this idea has merit – if we are able to move the date of Australia Day, we are in fact not taking anything away we are creating a three-day long weekend that is inclusive of First Nations people.”

“This idea actually gives people an opportunity to recognise the country and celebrate the country on a day respectfully.”



Supporters are being asked to add their name to the [Change.org Petition](#) and help make change happen.

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