

54% of Australians say yes to an Australian Long Weekend and no to celebrating on January 26

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VIDEO

When given a clear choice, a majority of people prefer a guaranteed long weekend on the second-last Monday of January, over the fixed date of Jan 26.

Support is strongest among 18–24 year-olds (70%) and holds across cities, regional and remote Australia.

This national poll was conducted by YouGov.

On the morning of 23 January, Laura Thompson, Gunditjmara woman and Co-Founder of Clothing The Gaps shared the news live on ABC News Breakfast.

There is strong support across the nation to make the change.

Visit the website, sign the petition and spread the word.

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