

FACT SHEET

Statutory Holidays Amendment Bill 2010

- The purpose of this Bill is to amend the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* to provide for equitable and consistent arrangements for the observance of public holidays in Tasmania.
- The Bill will achieve those objectives by:
 - ensuring that employees transferred to coverage under the Commonwealth's *Fair Work Act 2009* continue to receive the entitlements that they traditionally enjoyed following the termination of the transitional arrangements on 31 December 2010;
 - ensuring that no other employees are disadvantaged by these new arrangements;
 - Dealing with the issue of Easter Tuesday to ensure as far as constitutionally possible employees currently receiving Easter Tuesday will continue to receive it
 - honouring the commitment made at the Council for the Australian Federation in 2008 that Tasmania would introduce the agreed national harmonised arrangements for the observance of Anzac Day when it falls on Sunday or Easter Monday (first occurring in 2011); and
 - ensuring proper remuneration for those employees who are forced to work on Saturday 25 December (first occurring 2010).