

Dear Premier Rockliff,

I am writing as a Tasmanian worker and SDA member to ask the Tasmanian Government to fix an unfair gap in Tasmania's public holiday laws before Christmas 2026.

In 2026, Boxing Day falls on Saturday 26 December. Under current arrangements, the public holiday is substituted to Monday 28 December, meaning Boxing Day itself is not recognised as a public holiday.

This is unfair for retail and fast food workers. Boxing Day is one of the busiest trading days of the year, yet Tasmanian workers could miss out on public holiday recognition on the very day they are required to work. Workers in every other state and territory will receive public holiday recognition on both days.

I support the SDA's call for the Tasmanian Government to:

1) Recognise Saturday 26 December 2026 as a public holiday in addition to Monday 28 December.

2) Recognise 1 January as a public holiday regardless of whether it falls on a weekend, in addition to any substitute public holiday.

3) Review Tasmania's public holiday framework to ensure workers receive fair and consistent treatment.

I respectfully ask you to act before Christmas 2026 so Tasmanian retail and fast food workers receive the same recognition and protections as workers elsewhere in Australia.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

[Name]

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