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Subject: Submission re Public Holiday review

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I would like to make the following submission/comments re the Public Holiday review

1. When a public holiday falls on a weekend it should not automatically follow that the next Monday is a public holiday. Those who do not work a Monday to Friday week are discriminated against with this system. For example worker A works Monday to Friday, worker B works Tuesday to Saturday. When Mondays are continuously made public holidays worker A gains more public holidays than worker B. Worker B is discriminated against.

2. Easter Sunday. Easter Sunday is not listed as a public holiday. Easter Saturday is listed as a public holiday. Shops open on Easter Saturday, and not on Easter Sunday. This causes confusion for services that are open 7 days, but are not shops for example Art Galleries, Libraries, Museums. Do they open on Easter Saturday like the shops and therefore have to pay additional rates. Or do they close and confuse their users, or do they open on Easter Sunday??? Historically there was no need to list Easter Sunday as a public holiday as nothing was open. But now so many businesses and services are open 7 days a week there is a need to look at this.

Thankyou for the opportunity
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