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# National Day of Mourning

The National Public Holiday called by the Prime Minister for Thursday, 22 September 2022 will allow Tasmanians to pay their respects following the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

On the resumption of Parliament on 27 September, I will introduce a Bill to amend the Statutory Holidays Act 2000 to formally recognise the National Day of Mourning as a public holiday in Tasmania, retrospectively.

This will mean the one-off National Public Holiday to mark the Queen's passing will be subject to the same arrangements as most other public holidays.

There will not be restrictions on trade, however businesses must comply with all relevant requirements in their award or agreement, such as payment of penalty rates, if they decide to open.

Further details on the new public holiday are available on the WorkSafe Tasmania website (<https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/laws-and-compliance/public-holidays>) or by contacting WorkSafe's Helpline on 1300 366 322.

For information on the award or agreement provisions that may apply, please visit the Fair Work Ombudsman's website <https://www.fairwork.gov.au/pay-and-wages/penalty-rates-allowances-and-other-payments/penalty-rates>