

Flinders Island Show Day Change of Date

- The organisers of the Flinders Island Show are seeking that the date of the Flinders Island Show be changed from the Friday preceding the third Saturday in October to the third Friday in November each year, commencing in 2021.
- The Flinders Island Show is a local statutory holiday under the *Statutory Holidays Act 2000* (the Act). The date of the show can be changed pursuant to the provisions in section 5 of the Act.
- Schedule 1 of the Act currently provides that the Friday preceding the third Saturday in October is a statutory holiday to be observed as a full day public holiday for the Flinders Island Show in the municipal area of Flinders.
- The proposal is only to change the date of the show and, as such, it will remain a full day holiday in the municipal area of Flinders.
- The process for amending Schedule 1 of the Act is provided in section 5 of the Act and can be summarised as follows:
 1. The Minister must consult with:
 - the Tasmanian Trades and Labor Council;
 - the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry; and
 - any employer and any other organisation the Minister considers appropriate.
 2. The draft Gazette notice is laid on the table in both Houses of Parliament (noting section 5(3) regarding what sort of amendments the Minister can make).
 3. If the draft notice is approved (see section 5(7)), the notice then needs to be published in the Gazette and in one or more newspapers generally circulating in the State. For this notice to take effect, it must be published in the Gazette not less than 14 days before the proposed new date.
 4. The notice must be tabled in both Houses of Parliament within 5 sitting days after it is published.

- The proposed change in date does not appear to directly conflict with other statutory holidays covered under the Act. The current local statutory holidays in November include:

Day	Occasion	Area of State
First Monday in November	Recreation Day	All parts of Tasmania in which a statutory holiday is not observed for the Royal Hobart Regatta
Friday nearest last day in November, but not later than first day in December	Devonport Show	Municipal areas of Devonport, Kentish and Latrobe

- Despite not appearing to conflict with other statutory holidays, it appears that the proposed date will sometimes conflict with non-statutory holiday events. For example, it appears that in some years there will be conflicts with the Scottsdale Show if the Flinders Island Show is moved to the third Friday in November (for example, it appears that this would occur in 2023 and 2024). It also appears that in some years it will share the same weekend as the Huon Show and in some years the Deloraine Show (noting that both of these shows take place on a Saturday and the Flinders Island Show takes place on a Friday).
- The proposed change of date may also conflict with other non-show related events, for example business/school events.

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