



**ASSISTANT MINISTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE
ASSISTANT MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS
MEMBER FOR PERTH**
The Hon Patrick Gorman MP

Reference: MC26-049666

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 12 April 2026 regarding Parliamentary Petition EN9551 seeking official recognition of a flag which includes the national colours and the kangaroo in its design. I note you have also written in similar terms to Mr Sam Lim MP, Federal Member for Tangney, and the Hon Chris Minns MP, Premier of New South Wales. I am responding to the matters you have raised with both Mr Lim and Mr Minns, as the Minister responsible for Australian symbols policy, including the *Flags Act 1953* and national days.

I thank you again for your thoughtful design for a national colours flag. The Australian Government receives numerous suggestions for flag designs each year, including those which garner certain levels of support from other individuals and community sectors.

While the Government has no plans to seek the proclamation of an additional official flag at this time, it is encouraging to see continued discussion around, and promotion of, our national colours and symbols within the broader community.

I note your proposal for a national day on 3 March to mark the passage of the *Australia Act 1986*. National days and significant milestones – such as 3 March and 9 July (Australian Constitution Day) – may be observed without a proclamation or intervention by the Australian Government.

There is nothing to prevent an organisation or individual promoting and seeking support within the community for a national day. Local and Federal Members of Parliament and Senators can assist in the promotion of such days through messages of support to mark the day or by raising the matter in Parliament.

Thank you again for sharing your suggestions and for your ongoing interest in the national symbols of Australia. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Gorman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PATRICK GORMAN

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