

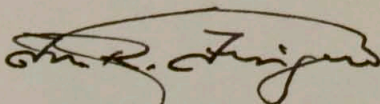
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CABINET DECISION

NO. 683

Submission No.: 597
Title: CHANGE TO FIREWORKS DAY

Not approved.



(M.R. FINGER),
Secretary to Cabinet.

2 May, 1979.

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FOR CABINET

SUBMISSION No.....

Title:	Change to Fireworks Day
Cabinet Member	The Hon. Ian Tuxworth, M.L.A., Minister for Mines and Energy
Purpose:	To change Fireworks Day from 5 November to 1 July and to call this day "Self Government Day".
Relation to existing policy:	Change Existing Policy
Timing/ legislative priority:	High Priority.
Announcement of decision, tabling, etc.:	By Public Notices and Press Release.
Action required before announcement:	NIL
Staffing implications, numbers and costs, etc.:	No Additional Staff Required.
Total cost:	Nil except for Minor Advertising Costs.

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Department/Authority DEPARTMENT OF LAW

COMMENT ON CABINET SUBMISSION No.

TITLE: CHANGE TO FIREWORKS DAY

COMMENTS:

There are no constitutional barriers to this proposal.

Subject to the granting and Gazettal of an appropriate approval under section 32(3) of the Explosives Act, there appear to be no legal barriers to this proposal.

SIGNED: 

DESIGNATION: CROWN SOLICITOR

DATE: 23 April, 1979

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SELF GOVERNMENT DAY

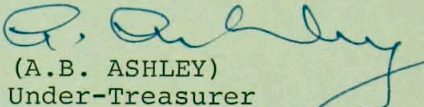
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NO OBJECTIONS

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(A.B. ASHLEY)
Under-Treasurer
12 March 1979

Comment by
Public Service
Commissioner:

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CHANGE TO FIREWORK'S DAY

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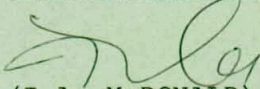
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No objections.

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(I.A. McDONALD)

for PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSIONER

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1. THE ISSUES

This submission proposes that 1 July be made the day when the general public can use fireworks. It also proposes that 1 July be called "Self Government Day".

2. BACKGROUND

Guy Fawkes (5 November) has traditionally been the day in the Northern Territory for the public firing of fireworks. This day is considered inappropriate for the Northern Territory because it is based on an old English custom that is not celebrated in any other State of Australia.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE ISSUES

Changing the date to 1 July will reduce the fire risk. Often at the end of a dry season, the grass is long and dry. This will be reduced in July because the grass will still contain moisture and will not be as long. Many service clubs have displays which coincide with the public firing of fireworks and July should provide them with more consistent weather than November. Additionally, these displays will then be held during the tourist season.

Only two States have public firing of fireworks - New South Wales - Queens Birthday (June) and Tasmania - Commonwealth Day (May). All other States allow only controlled displays.

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4. TIMING

The decision is required so that the public and store keepers can make appropriate arrangements.

5. PUBLICITY

The date has to be gazetted as required by the Explosives Act.

If approval is granted, it is proposed to announce the changed requirements by an appropriate press release.

6. DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

The Chief Fire Officer of the Department of Transport and Works was contacted and he is in favour of the change.

7. FINANCE AND STAFFING

Except for relatively minor advertising costs, there will be no increase in expenditure. There will be no increase in staffing.

8. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that 1 July be the day for the firing of fireworks by the public and this day be called "SELF GOVERNMENT DAY".



(IAN TUXWORTH)