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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

Australian National Flag Day is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity that defines Australian culture, and to acknowledge the ongoing journey toward reconciliation and equality.

This day begins with recognition that Australia's story starts with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, whose 65,000 years of continuous culture, knowledge, and connection to Country, forms the foundation upon which our multicultural society has grown.

The current Australian flag emerged from a public design competition in 1901 that attracted more than 32,000 entries.

After reviewing all submissions, Prime Minister Edmund Barton announced that five entrants had submitted nearly identical winning designs and would share the £200 prize money.

The democratic spirit of that original competition reminds us that Australia's strength comes from listening to all its people and ensuring that everyone has a voice in shaping our collective future.

Many Australians today recognise that our national symbols should reflect the full spectrum of voices and experiences that make up contemporary Australia.

In Queensland and across Australia, we embrace shared democratic ideals centered on freedom, respect, dignity, and opportunity for everyone.

Australian National Flag Day reminds Queenslanders — and all Australians — of the power of unity and what we can accomplish when we work together towards a shared vision for a better future.



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