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Sally Jackson

**Subject:** Fwd: Note on January 26 terminology **Date:** Sunday, 24 January 2021 12:34:18 PM

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From:

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 12:15:24 PM

To: Craig McMurtrie

**Subject:** Note on January 26 terminology

Hi all.

Some program teams have been discussing Australia Day terminology, and which terms are appropriate to use in reference to it.

The official (i.e. legislated) name of this day off in January varies by jurisdiction. In NSW, it is Australia Day. In SA, it is 26 January. In WA and TAS, it is dual-named: Australia Day (26 January). In QLD, the NT, the ACT and Victoria, the opposite convention is found: 26 January (Australia Day). Legislative use is one perspective. By way of contrast, government websites listing public holidays tend to use Australia Day in first reference, regardless of what the holiday is called in the relevant Act.

It is important to note, though, that both the Macquarie and the Australian Concise Oxford dictionaries list Survival Day and Invasion Day as roughly synonymous with Australia Day, either as "viewed by Indigenous people and their supporters" (Macquarie), or "especially in Aboriginal Australian contexts" (ACOD). Both terms have a long history of use in this country: the Australian National Dictionary dates both to the 1980s. A precursor for both terms would be the 1938 announcement by Indigenous groups that January 26 – not then a national public holiday – be known as a Day of Mourning and Protest.

Given the variety of terms in use, and the different perspectives on the day that ABC is going to cover over the course of the long weekend, it would be inappropriate to mandate staff use any one term over others in all contexts.

Subject: Re: Daily Telegraph media enquiry regarding January 26 nomenclature

Date: Sunday, 24 January 2021 3:13:05 PM

Hi Because people have been talking about this, we have released this statement, which you can use:

http://about.abc.net.au/statements/australia\_dav-invasion\_dav\_or-just\_the-26-january/



Response to your follow up question, attributable to an ABC spokesperson:

The ABC is not "promoting" anything. It is reporting on a range of major planned events around Australia, including the City of Perth's five day festival, a flag raising ceremony in Townsville, free concerts in Adelaide and the fireworks over Sydney Harbour.

Cheers.

From: Sent: Sunday, 24 January 2021 2:20 PM

To: Sally Jackson Nick Leys

Subject: Re: Daily Telegraph media enquiry regarding January 26 nomenclature

Hi both -

An additional question has arisen following some comments from NSW Police Minister David Elliott, regarding the events guide promoting the Sydney Invasion Day rally in the Domain.

Mr Elliott said promoting the rally - which organisers expect to exceed the COVID limits of 500 people - is "breathtakingly irresponsible," and he has said he will refer the matter to ACMA.

Is promoting a rally that is likely to breach COVID gathering limits responsible? Does the ABC have any comment to make regarding Mr Elliott's statement?

**Thanks** 

Hi Sally, Nick;

I saw this tweet and story go up this morning

https://twitter.com/abcnews/status/1353101896416849920

"What to do on Australia Day/Invasion Day in 2021"

The linked story also includes the paragraphs:

"January 26 marks Australia Day or Invasion Day, typically seen as a celebration of the nation or a day of sorrow for the colonisation of an ancient culture.

"For many First Nations people, it is a day to mourn the past and galvanise the community to address ongoing systemic racial injustice.

"For others, it's a chance to spend time with family and friends at the beach or around barbeques."

I will be writing a story on the choice to refer to January 26 as both Australia Day and Invasion Day, considering there are polarised views on the role January 26 holds in our national identity.

Can you please provide a response to the following questions?

Is the ABC now referring to January 26 as both Australia Day and Invasion Day in its coverage?

When did the ABC begin to refer to January 26 as Invasion Day (as well as Australia Day)?

Does the ABC plan to give equal coverage to Australia Day celebrations and Invasion Day rallies/commemorations?

If any editorial change has occurred regarding references to January 26, when did this happen?

In referring to January 26 as Invasion Day, is the ABC providing an implied political position on changing the date of Australia Day?

Does the ABC have a response to people who have criticised the decision to refer to January 26 as Invasion Day (as some have on Twitter already)?

My deadline is 4.30pm but I would appreciate a response as soon as possible, please.

Thanks,
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From:
To: Sally Jackson

Subject:Seeking comment re: Hobart broadcastDate:Tuesday, 26 January 2021 2:12:45 PM

## Hi Sally

## Hope you're well.

Just wondered if you could please be so kind as to provide comment on the Hobart Invasion Day rally broadcast being interrupted after a woman became angry the reporter was speaking through a minute's silence?

Many thanks for your time and best wishes Rebecca

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