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LAUNCESTON CUP: NOT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY

The State Government late last year quietly amended the *Statutory Holidays Act* to confirm that the Launceston Cup is **not** a public holiday for private sector employees in the North. This includes staff employed in the hospitality sector.

Given this change's lack of publicity, both the Fair Work Ombudsman and the AHA's National IR Manager initially confirmed that Launceston Cup was a public holiday. Following further research, the State Government's changes have emerged. Given this, both the Fair Work Ombudsman and the AHA's National IR Manager have subsequently just advised that the Launceston Cup is **not** a public holiday. The State Government's approach in this matter has caused needless confusion for Northern Tasmanians including THA members. **Therefore, the legal wage entitlement for staff rostered to work on Launceston Cup Day is normal or ordinary time wage rates.**

If you have any queries regarding this Bulletin kindly contact the under-signed.

Cheers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Walker', is positioned above the typed name.

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