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### Australia Day: A Time for Listening, Reflection and Reconciliation

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On Australia Day, we share in the pride that many Australians feel, celebrating our national identity, pride, community, and values like respect, rule of law, equality, fairness. We proudly call Australia home and celebrate its beauty, diversity, and opportunities.

However, we also recognise that this day is a painful reminder of historical injustices and ongoing disparities for First Nations people. As members of the Chinese-Australian community, we understand the complex history of our nation and the need for reconciliation, healing, and self-determination for First Nations people.

Australia Day presents an opportunity for us to reflect on our shared humanity, appreciate the resilience and contributions of First Nations people, and consider how we can work together towards reconciliation, healing and prosperity. This requires genuine respect, active listening, and a willingness to learn from and understand each other.

By embracing our shared identity as Australians while also understanding the complexities of Australia's history, we can foster greater understanding, respect, and reconciliation. Together, we can work towards a future of greater unity, celebration, and shared progress. A future where we honour the histories, cultures, and contributions of all Australians, including our First Nations people.

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