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### **NOLAN RENEWS RECONCILIATION DAY CALL**

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan today renewed her call, first made in 2001 and reported in *The Queensland Times*, for a National Reconciliation Day to be celebrated as a public holiday across Australia.

Ms Nolan said the day celebrated should be the anniversary of yesterday's groundbreaking apology.

"Australia changed yesterday for the better," Ms Nolan said.

"We now have a Prime Minister who reflects the better angels of our nature. There is a strong desire in this country to actually achieve reconciliation, to show compassion and good will and to move forward together."

"That spirit should be maintained and celebrated."

"It makes no sense that we celebrate a meaningless holiday like the the Queen's Birthday – on a day that's not even her birthday – but we don't recognise the proper place of indigenous people."

"It is for that reason that I renew this call."