

Leave ANZAC Day Alone

*A very special sacred day to salute our fallen from the first to
the last*

*To reflect on glorious deeds and sacrifice from our proud
past.*

*To confirm national identity, and all as one standing tall
From opulent castles to far distant bush hats with cooee
calls.*

*Parade from coast to coast, and in foreign land too
We salute our fallen who gave all, for me and you.*

*Shame on leaders who speak as Gods from well protected
thrones*

*Who talk of **them and us** and not **we** with flawed judgement
in godly tones.*

*Readily distort our military past to infer racism and its shame
is far from dead*

*Ignoring today's military proud cry: "We all wear the same-
coloured thread".*

*The constant sound of Didgeridoos now dominates where
tranquillity has been*

*Our proud flag is now one of many in what is becoming a
carnival scene.*

*It's time for all RSL Caesars to roll up their sleeves, for all to
see*

*To guard against distortion of our proud history.
Our very special **One day of the Year** is slowly being stolen
by a few*

*To placate a noisy mob blowing smoke and constant
welcomes too.*

*If there is to be a greeting, then let it be for all to hear and
see*

*As a salute to all our heroes who gave all to keep our country
free.*

We are as one

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Salute to what never happened.

In a recent development, RSL Queensland has introduced a revised acknowledgment of country to be recited during Anzac Day ceremonies. This alteration has drawn sharp attention, with Nationals MP Barnaby Joyce expressing dismay and questioning the limits of such changes. The new acknowledgment reads:

"We, today's warriors, acknowledge the very first warriors who stood as the guardians of this ancient country on which we meet today. We salute their commitment to an unbroken line of duty that began tens of thousands of years ago and continues to this very day."

I am withdrawing from the RSL until this unadulterated BS stops.

Kindly advise other Branch members.

Kind regards,

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