

## Mark Speakman

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## **Robyn Preston MP**

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## NSW OPPOSITION SUPPORTS ANZAC DAY RETAIL TRADING CHANGES

The NSW Opposition supports the Government's decision to extend retail trading restrictions to cover all of Anzac Day, ensuring the service of veterans is recognised and enabling people to participate in commemorative services throughout the day.

This move ensures that we honour the service and sacrifices of our veterans appropriately. It is a day of national significance and we must provide everyone the opportunity to participate in commemorative services.

By extending retail trading restrictions, we are allowing the people of NSW to fully engage in honouring our veterans. These changes provide workers and businesses the opportunity to participate in commemorative and community events to pay their respects.

NSW Opposition leader, Mark Speakman, said the NSW opposition is committed to ensuring Anzac Day remains a solemn and respectful occasion, allowing all of the community the chance to honour those who have served our nation.

"This ensures we properly honour the service and sacrifice of our veterans. It's a day of national significance, and we must give everyone the chance to take part in commemorative services," said Mr Speakman.

Shadow Minister for Veterans, Robyn Preston, said Anzac Day is a time for reflection and remembrance.

"By extending retail trading restrictions, we're allowing the people of NSW to fully focus on honouring our veterans. This change shows how committed we are to recognising the impact our servicemen and women have had on our country," Ms Preston said.

RSL NSW President, Mick Bainbridge, said, "We commend the bipartisan support for extending Anzac Day retail trading restrictions. This decision underscores the respect and gratitude we owe to our veterans. It is heartening to see our Government and Opposition united in recognising the importance of this day and ensuring that all Australians can pay their respects."

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