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The Un-Australian Open

The Australian Open should be re-named the "Un-Australian Open" for its denial of the national day, according to FamilyVoice Australia spokesman David d'Lima.

"The name of our nation is part of the tennis tournament and cannot be regarded to be at fault," David d'Lima said.

"It's blatantly un-Australian to deny the national day in a country whose name is lent to the premier tennis event.

"Australians excel in sports and service, and we should be proud that our country keeps delivering champions."

David d'Lima said Australia Day is the occasion for honouring excellence, including sporting achievements, through the Order of Australia, and the day itself should be honoured in the tennis.

"It's time for the nation to celebrate sporting prowess and all manner of valuable contributions, on Australia Day," he said.

"But if the premier tennis competition keeps faulting the national day, the Australian Open should be re-named the Un-Australian Open."

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