



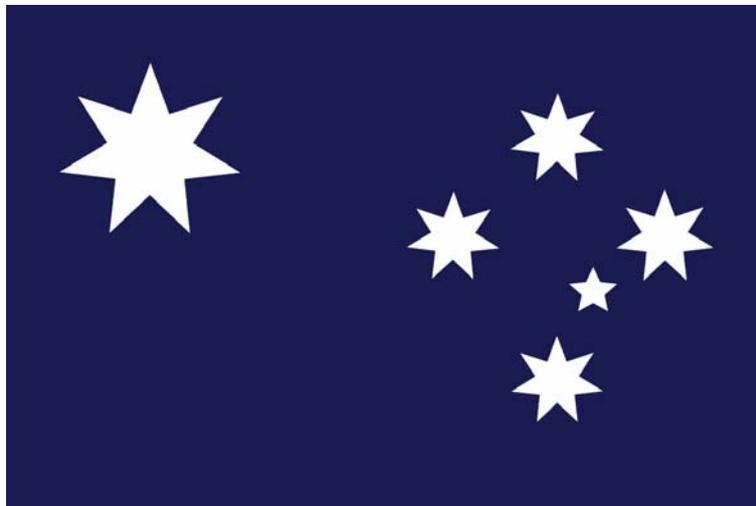
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Ausflag Launches New Australian "Commonwealth" Flag

**We Must Fly a Flag which Says Australia is an Independent, Sovereign Nation,
NOT a Colonial British Branch Office**

Note: Ausflag is an apolitical, non-profit organisation seeking to secure the popular support of the Australian people for the adoption of a truly Australian flag.



Ausflag today launched a design for a new Australian Flag: "The Australian 'Commonwealth' Flag."

The Executive Director of Ausflag, Mr Harold Scruby said: "This new minimalist/evolutionary design is based on the "Commonwealth Star" (commonly known as the Federation Star) replacing the Union Jack. It could not be more simple. It's a natural progression.

"The current design symbolises Great Britain dominating Australia. It depicts Australia as a British colony: A veritable British branch office. This new design puts the Australian Commonwealth in the primary position. It celebrates "egalitarianism" over "aristocracy". It celebrates "independence" over "dominance". It celebrates Australians united by a common interest.

Mr Scruby added: The Macquarie Dictionary defines "commonwealth" as:

- 1. the whole body of people of a nation or state; the body politic.*
- 2. a federation of states and territories with powers and responsibilities divided between a central government and a number of smaller governments, each controlling certain responsibilities in a defined area.*
- 3. any body of persons united by some common interest."*

"It's vital we tell the world we've grown up.

"This campaign is not anti-British. It's passionately pro-Australian. It's no more anti-British than when we changed our national anthem from God Save the Queen to Advance Australia Fair.

"And as to branding; placing the symbol of a major sporting and commercial competitor in the dominant position on our flag is as ludicrous as Microsoft placing an Apple logo in a dominant position on their logo and promotional material." Mr Scruby said.

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