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DS4SEQ ANNOUNCES ELECTORATES TO BE CONTESTED IN THE 2009 STATE ELECTION

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party - DS4SEQ are advocating Daylight Saving for the South East Queensland region only and are contesting 32 electorates in the 2009 Queensland State Election. The electorates to be contested are within the South East Queensland region and extend from the Gold Coast throughout Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast and as north as Hervey Bay. We believe this to be a fantastic feat, given that DS4SEQ has only been a political party for 3 months.

DS4SEQ is not just a Party for South East Queensland - DS4SEQ is a Party for all of Queensland. DS4SEQ simply has a daylight saving policy that could satisfy the majority of Queensland's residents, not just the minority. Our policy is a compromise that respects the needs of regional and rural Queenslanders, while also giving fair consideration to the view of the majority of residents in South East Queensland.

"Over the last 17 years, Queensland's landscape has changed, community attitudes have changed and according to government research, the majority now support daylight saving. So why then, are Premier Bligh and Mr Springborg still living in the past with respect to daylight saving?" asks DS4SEQ Party Leader, Jason Furze.

"The current daylight saving policy stance, from both major parties, is to persist with last century's thinking. DS4SEQ has adopted a 21st century approach to this issue – a compromise that's fair to all." Mr Furze said.

Over 1 million registered voters, who today are enrolled in Queensland, did not participate in the 1992 referendum. Anyone who is under the age of 35 has never had a chance to vote on this issue. There is now evidence that around 70% of South East Queensland voters support daylight saving and those opposed, only represent a 34% minority across all of the state. The majority of businesses in Queensland are also supportive of daylight saving, particularly in the state's South East.

"We are delighted at the level of community support DS4SEQ is receiving. It reinforces that daylight saving is an important issue for South East Queenslanders, and one they deserve to have a say on." DS4SEQ Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.



To make Daylight Saving a reality, the Party will be asking the people of South East Queensland to vote DS4SEQ number 1 and then preference to other parties that matter to them in the 2009 State Election. In this way, DS4SEQ will give people a clear opportunity to have their say on Daylight Saving in South East Queensland.

Electorates and candidates follow.

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