

Daylight Saving Consultation (...what Consultation?)

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party questions the efforts put into the promised Daylight Saving community consultation.

"It is now two weeks since the Premier announced that Labor MPs would be consulting their constituents about Daylight Saving and we are not convinced that is occurring in the South East corner of the state," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

Mr Furze said that earlier this month, Premier Anna Bligh declared she had asked her caucus to return to their electorates, talk to their constituents, doorknock and have street stalls to gain feedback on Daylight Saving.

"Sunnybank MP, Judy Spence, is nowhere to be seen," Mr Furze said. "There is no evidence of any doorknocking or street stalls in the area. As my local member, I contacted Ms Spence's office late last week, and, at the time, her staff were unaware of anything in relation to obtaining feedback on Daylight Saving," he said.

Mr Furze said that a number of DS4SEQ Party members had encountered similar inaction with their local Labor state MPs.

"A number of MPs from the northern Queensland regions have released updates of the feedback they have been receiving, however I am not aware of any similar reports from MPs in the South East. As Labor has 14 elected representatives in regional and rural districts of Queensland, where Daylight Saving is not favoured, and only four MPs on the Gold Coast, where Daylight Saving enjoys its highest level of support in the state, isn't it likely that we will see some imbalanced and skewed feedback," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said he was also disappointed with the limited public notification about the Queensland Government website set up to cater for feedback on Daylight Saving.

"I would encourage supporters of Daylight Saving to contact their local state Labor representative and log onto the feedback website www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au to register their support for Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said.

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