

Two weeks until South East Queensland is Robbed of Daylight

On Sunday 3 October 2010, South East Queensland will once again be robbed of the opportunity to benefit from Daylight Saving.

"Daylight Saving commences in most eastern and southern states in two weeks time, while South East Queensland residents and businesses once again get left behind," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland (DS4SEQ) Party Leader, Jason Furze said.

"Daylight Saving has become an increasingly more significant issue facing Queensland. To deny this, is to deny the needs of business, and deny the people of South East Queensland greater lifestyle opportunities," Mr Furze said.

The DS4SEQ Party advocates Daylight Saving dual time zones for Queensland. Mr Furze said that given the geographical divide on Daylight Saving within Queensland, the concept of dual time zones is devised with the views of regional Queenslanders firmly in mind. "Introducing dual time zones would maintain a respectful view towards regional and rural Queenslanders, whilst also giving fair consideration to the views of those residing in South East Queensland - a compromise that aims to satisfy the majority of all Queenslanders," Mr Furze said.

"Premier Anna Bligh's own June 2010 public consultation results demonstrated that two thirds of Queenslanders support a trial and a referendum on Daylight Saving dual time zones within the state, so it is very clear that the people want Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said.

"Peter Wellington's *Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Referendum Bill* is yet to be debated in Queensland Parliament, so when the changeover to Daylight Saving occurs in the other states, the spotlight will once again be on Premier Anna Bligh and Opposition Leader John-Paul Langbroek to reconsider their respective party's negative stances before the Bill is debated," Mr Furze said.

"If Ms Bligh and Mr Langbroek were serious about listening to all Queenslanders, then they would allow a Referendum to be held on Daylight Saving in South East Queensland. A Referendum is the only way to find out what all Queenslanders really think about Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said. **ENDS**

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