

## Date for Daylight Saving Parliamentary Debate Confirmed

The Parliamentary debate on Independent member, Peter Wellington's *Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Referendum Bill* is scheduled for Wednesday 6 April 2011.

"With the Parliamentary debate for Peter Wellington's *Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Referendum Bill* just over one week away, we are calling on supporters to rally behind a Parliamentary e-Petition<sup>1</sup> requesting the Government to support this Bill," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland (DS4SEQ) Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

"We believe that a show of substantial petition support for Daylight Saving in South East Queensland, would demonstrate to Premier Anna Bligh that people want affirmative action on this significant issue," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that most Queenslanders would like to experience Daylight Saving, particularly those in the south-east of the state. "Premier Bligh's June 2010 public consultation found that two thirds of Queenslanders support a trial and a referendum on introducing Daylight Saving in the south-east, and therefore dual time zones to Queensland. It is very clear that the people want to give dual time zones a go, and have Daylight Saving adopted in the south-east," he said.

Mr Furze said that given the geographic divide on Daylight Saving within Queensland, the concept of dual time zones is devised with the views of regional Queenslanders firmly in mind - since they would be exempt from Daylight Saving. "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," he said.

"Ms Bligh claims to be listening to all Queenslanders, but it's obvious when it comes to Daylight Saving, she only has ears for regional Queensland voters, many of whom reside in politically sensitive electorates," Mr Furze said.

"If the Premier was serious about listening to all Queenslanders, then she would allow a Referendum to be held on having Daylight Saving in South East Queensland. A Referendum is the only way to find out what all Queenslanders really think about having Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that the Daylight Saving issue for Queensland will not go away until it has been adequately resolved. "There is no doubt that a dual time zone arrangement may permanently resolve the Daylight Saving question for Queensland - holding a trial would confirm that," he said.

DS4SEQ encourages people to sign the petition, lobby their local members, and lobby the Premier and Opposition Leader. "If people really want Daylight Saving in South East Queensland, then residents must sign this e-Petition, the link of which is located on our website [www.ds4seq.org.au](http://www.ds4seq.org.au). I would also encourage residents to lobby in favour of Daylight Saving - directly to Premier Bligh, Interim Opposition Leader, Mr Jeff Seeney and their local MP," Mr Furze said.

DS4SEQ also invites supporters of Daylight Saving in South East Queensland to attend the Queensland Parliament debate on Mr Wellington's Bill.

1. Queensland Parliament Petition (Internet). Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Referendum Bill 2010. [http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions\\_QLD/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1543&Index=-1](http://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/view/EPetitions_QLD/CurrentEPetition.aspx?PetNum=1543&Index=-1)

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