

Daylight Saving Petition Closes Friday

Supporters of Daylight Saving are urged to sign an online petition before it closes this Friday 22 April 2011.

"We urge Daylight Saving supporters to sign the online e-Petition¹ for Daylight Saving in South East Queensland before it's too late," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland (DS4SEQ) Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

This petition supports Peter Wellington MP's *Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Referendum Bill* and is in response to Premier Anna Bligh's failure to act on the majority support received during her Government's Daylight Saving consultation.

Mr Furze said that Premier Bligh's June 2010 public consultation found that over 60% of Queenslanders support a trial and a referendum on introducing dual time zones to Queensland and Daylight Saving in the south-east. "It is very clear that most Queenslanders 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.

Mr Furze said that the majority of Queenslanders want affirmative action on Daylight Saving - not party politics, when Mr Wellington's Daylight Saving Bill is debated in Parliament on Wednesday 11 May 2011.

"If the Premier and Opposition Leadership team were serious about listening to all Queenslanders, then they 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 supporters of Daylight Saving in South East Queensland to sign the online e-petition, the link of which is located on the DS4SEQ website www.ds4seq.org.au and to lobby their local member, and lobby the Premier and Opposition Leadership team. "If people really want Daylight Saving in South East Queensland, then they must sign the e-Petition, and lobby in favour of Daylight Saving - directly to Premier Bligh; Opposition Leader, Jeff Seeney; LNP Leader, Campbell Newman; and their local state 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

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