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DS4SEQ not to contest 2012 QLD State Elections

DS4SEQ will not be contesting the 2012 state election. Whilst this may be a disappointment to some, it is a decision that the Executive has taken very seriously and this decision does not mean that the party will be inactive.

DS4SEQ believes this election will be a hard fought campaign between Labor and the LNP, and has focussed its efforts on direct lobbying of both major parties, rather than running election candidates. We recently sent election briefs to Labor leader, Ms Anna Bligh, and LNP leader, Mr Campbell Newman. These dossiers highlight the benefits that Daylight Saving would bring to south-east Queensland, and the fact that Daylight Saving is supported by the majority of residents in the south-east region. Further, DS4SEQ has provided both Labor and the LNP with some 'food for thought', by outlining the influence that an announcement on Daylight Saving might have on voting intentions, in the upcoming election.

DS4SEQ believe that if Labor were to announce a positive Daylight Saving policy during the election, it might help them retain the four Gold Coast electorates that they risk losing. Such an announcement would also have an influence on key electorates in Brisbane and would certainly throw a cat amongst the pigeons in the Ashgrove electorate, since Daylight Saving is favoured by the constituency.

Conversely, should the LNP announce a positive Daylight Saving policy, it would all but guarantee they win every one of the 10 Gold Coast electorates. In addition, the LNP would retain their stronghold on the Sunshine Coast, further shore-up support in key Brisbane electorates, and they would most certainly dominate the south-east.

Once the election has been run, DS4SEQ will continue its lobbying efforts, focusing on the newly elected government – whether that be Labor or the LNP.

In the meantime the party will encourage its members to advocate the introduction of Daylight Saving directly with candidates of the major parties. DS4SEQ will not make any formal recommendation to its members as to which party to support, however if either Labor or the LNP were to announce a change of policy towards Daylight Saving, then that position may change.

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