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DS4SEQ questions Premier's daylight reality

DS4SEQ questions why the Premier has a short-sighted reality on the issue of daylight saving.

Premier Bligh yesterday stated that she will not negotiate on the issue of daylight saving if DS4SEQ won major support.

The Premier was quoted as saying that "Ultimately we have to consider the reality of a state like Queensland which has more people living in its regions outside of Brisbane"

The Premier further went on to say "I just don't believe that daylight saving will work in many parts of the state".

Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party Leader Jason Furze said that the dual time zone arrangement proposed by DS4SEQ would satisfy the majority of people throughout all of the state.

"The Premier is saying that the ALP are considering the reality of the state, but it does not appear to be the case in relation to the issue of daylight saving. DS4SEQ agrees that the regions outside the South East Queensland area are not in favour of daylight saving, however, unlike the Premier, we are in touch with the reality, that the majority of constituents within the South East are very supportive of its introduction." Mr Furze said.

"If the Premier was listening to the people, and governing for all of the state, then serious consideration would be given to a dual time zone arrangement within Queensland." Mr Furze said.

"The support for daylight saving is not just in Brisbane and the Gold Coast, it's throughout the whole South East Queensland region and the DS4SEQ proposed dual time zone, encompasses 75% of Queensland's population. Speaking with the people throughout this area, it becomes increasingly obvious that not having daylight saving is an issue for them".

"It's about time that the issue of daylight saving was taken out of the 'too hard basket' and appropriately addressed." Mr Furze said.

Daylight saving is supported by almost 70% within the South East region, and by not adopting it, is not only ignoring the voice of the majority, but is costing South East Queensland organisations \$14 billion each year, through reduced productivity, unnecessary travel and extended staff hours, to accommodate daylight saving business hours in other states.

"With the state election focussed on jobs and the economy, the current stance on daylight saving, from both Premier Bligh and Mr Springborg, is ignoring the annual \$14 billion cost to the South East Queensland economy. Reducing this unnecessary expense to business, would promote job retention and job creation." Mr Furze said.

Voting DS4SEQ number 1 will provide a clear avenue for people to have a say on daylight saving and then voters can allocate their number 2 vote for who they wish to govern the state, enabling them to have a say on all the other issues.

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