

DS4SEQ increasingly cynical about Premier Bligh's Daylight Saving consultation process

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party has grown even more cynical about the validity of the Premier's consultation on Daylight Saving and a dual time zone for Queensland.

"Increasingly, all we hear Premier Bligh parroting are the views of regional Queensland," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland (DS4SEQ) Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

Mr Furze said that the consultation process had been largely one-sided, in favour of North Queensland. He said there had been limited representation for Gold Coast residents, where only four of the ten seats were held by ALP members, and in the South East generally, the 'Get Involved' government website had been poorly publicised.

"Now we have the Premier saying that feedback from North Queensland is that they don't want Daylight Saving and that is their rationale for not supporting dual time zones," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that this once again highlighted how important it was for the Premier to provide public education about dual time zones to Queenslanders, in particular to the people of North Queensland, who would not be directly affected by Daylight Saving with the introduction of a dual Queensland time zone.

Greater public education and information about how dual time zones operate, was included as a key recommendation in DS4SEQ's formal submission to the government.

"Let's not forget that Dual Time Zones function successfully in other countries, without contention. For example, 15 out of the 50 (30%) states in the United States of America operate under dual time zone arrangements, as do a number of the provinces in Canada," Mr Furze said.

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