

Bligh Spins Daylight Momentum

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party has slammed the Premier's claims that there is not enough momentum for change on Daylight Saving dual time zones, despite support doubling.

"With over 74,000 votes registered on the Government's online survey, and two-thirds of respondents supportive of Daylight Saving in South East Queensland, I would call that strong momentum," Daylight Saving for South East Queensland (DS4SEQ) Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

Mr Furze said that in 2007 the Queensland Government-commissioned research indicated limited support for a dual time zone of only 33 per cent of Queenslanders. "In the space of three years, support for a dual time zone arrangement appears to have doubled - this clearly demonstrates strong momentum in favour of a trial of Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that the Premier has used the limited feedback received by Labor Members as her reasoning to claim there is limited interest in the issue of Daylight Saving in Queensland. "If the Premier had informed the public that contacting their Labor MP was going to be the equivalent of voting 40 times in the online survey, I am sure more people would have done so. Interesting to note, that the majority of residents on the Gold Coast do not have a Labor Member to turn to, so they had no choice but to register their support online," Mr Furze said.

"The issue of Daylight Saving in Queensland has been in the 'Too Hard' basket for too long and it is not going to go away until it is adequately addressed," Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that he hoped the Premier would reconsider, rather than continue pandering to regional Queenslanders on the issue of Daylight Saving. "It would show real leadership if the Premier made the call to progress with a trial of Daylight Saving in South East Queensland," Mr Furze said.

"There is only one way to find out what all Queenslanders really think about Daylight Saving in South East Queensland, and that is by way of a Referendum," Mr Furze said.

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