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DS4SEQ Celebrates New Year's 2009

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party has made a New Year's Resolution for 2009 – to ensure that South East Queensland celebrates New Year's at the same time as the Eastern States.

“For this goal to be met, we are asking the constituents of South East Queensland to continue showing their support and join DS4SEQ as a member and of course vote DS4SEQ number 1 in the 2009 State Election,” DS4SEQ Party Leader, Jason Furze, said.

At 11:59pm AEST on Wednesday 31 December 2008, many South East Queensland residents will be looking forward to watching the televised national celebration of the midnight fireworks, from Sydney Harbour.

A number of these South East Queensland residents will have already received text messages and phone calls from friends and relatives interstate, fortunate enough to enjoy the fireworks almost an hour earlier.

Also at this time, a number of revellers will have already enjoyed New Year's celebrations in Tweed Heads, only to have casually crossed the street in anticipation of a second celebration – in Coolangatta.

The reason for all this – South East Queensland does not observe Daylight Saving Time, but the Eastern states of Australia do.

Whilst the anomaly along the Queensland / New South Wales state border allows people to enjoy a dual New Year's celebration, the fun only lasts for one evening. However, for the remainder of summer, the absence of daylight saving will continue to cause business inefficiencies and reduce lifestyle options for South East Queenslanders.

Under the dual time zone proposed by DS4SEQ – the Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party, the number of people affected by the confusion on a daily basis, will be substantially reduced. The dual time zone the DS4SEQ party have proposed is a fair compromise aimed at satisfying the majority of all Queenslanders.



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"We look forward to South East Queenslanders enjoying the New Year's Celebrations simultaneously with the Eastern states," Mr Furze said.

DS4SEQ staged its first prospective candidate information session in Brisbane during December, and intends on staging further information sessions in late January / early February, at destinations including Brisbane, the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

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