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Daylight Saving - potential for 182 'Earth Hour' days each year

Daylight Saving would achieve similar benefits to this Saturday's Earth Hour and the saving could be replicated for 6 months of each year in South East Queensland, according to the Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party (DS4SEQ).

"It is difficult to fathom why the Queensland State Government is so quick to support Earth Hour, and yet refuses to acknowledge the benefits of daylight saving, that include a one hour light saving each day," said DS4SEQ Party Leader, Jason Furze.

"Daylight Saving in South East Queensland would allow households to benefit from greater natural light and, at the same time, save South East Queensland businesses \$14 billion each year," Mr Furze said.

Saturday March 28 is the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour 2009. This is when businesses and households will be encouraged to switch off their lights for one hour between 8.30pm and 9.30pm local time. It is part of an international effort to send a strong message on climate change to world leaders.

According to DS4SEQ, South East Queensland households could be enjoying an hour of light saving, like Earth Hour, for 6 months of every year, if the region adopted daylight saving. "With the sun setting an hour later, households would switch their lights on an hour later. And because there would still be adequate natural light in the morning to perform general household activities, there is no real downside," Party Leader Jason Furze said.

DS4SEQ are advocating a dual Queensland time zone and the introduction of daylight saving into the South East Queensland region.

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