



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### DAYLIGHT SAVING IN SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND WOULD REDUCE TIME ZONE DIFFERENCE DISRUPTION BY 80%

Adopting a dual time zone in Queensland would reduce current daylight saving time disruption by at least 80%, according to research undertaken by DS4SEQ.

DS4SEQ, the Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party, have found that more than half a million people and passenger movements are affected every week because South East Queensland does not have daylight saving. This includes all those who travel between South East Queensland and other eastern states by air, road and rail.

Under the dual time zone proposed by DS4SEQ, affected weekly passenger movements would be around 105,000, a reduction of 80% from the current 516,000 trips disrupted because South East Queensland does not have daylight saving. DS4SEQ Party Leader, Mr Jason Furze, has said that the opportunity to reduce the number of people affected by time differences each day is something that needs to be urgently considered by the Queensland ALP and LNP leadership teams.

"Introducing a dual time zone in Queensland, according to the boundaries proposed by DS4SEQ, would reduce affected passenger movements from over 13 million for six months of every year to 2.7 million, and this is significant", Mr Furze said. "Lessening the impact of continually changing time zones has important flow-on effects for tourism and the business community of South East Queensland."

DS4SEQ, who are fielding 32 candidates in the 2009 Queensland State election, are advocating a dual time zone, allowing the South East Queensland region to observe daylight saving, whilst the remainder of the state remains operating on standard time. Under this arrangement, Queensland would operate on two time zones, allowing the majority of all Queensland residents to be satisfied, not just the minority, as is currently the case. As the proposed dual time zone border runs mainly through sparsely populated areas, fewer people would be impacted than the current system, which particularly affects Gold Coast families who juggle parent work hours in Tweed Heads and children's school hours in Coolangatta, or vice versa.

"We are very attuned to the daily economic and social disruptions caused particularly at the southern-end of the city, where residents negotiate two different time zones on a daily basis. Unfortunately, it does not appear that either of the major political parties in Queensland are willing to acknowledge this", Mr Furze said.

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