

MEDIA RELEASE

Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party turns 'one'

On Monday 14 December 2009, the Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party celebrates its first birthday.

The Party will be marking this day with a media event. Commencing at 7:30am, local time, members of the Party Executive will celebrate the milestone by sharing a birthday cake. This will take place in King George Square, at the foot of the Brisbane City Hall clock.

"It has been one year to the day since the party officially launched, after the group's application was formally approved by the Electoral Commission of Queensland", Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party Leader, Jason Furze said.

"It has been an amazing 12 months and the Party has achieved much, in a relatively short amount of time", Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that only three months after the party was officially established, it contested its first State Election. "We ran our first election campaign with 32 candidates, the largest ever contingent for a single-issue party in Australia's history", Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said that the Party averaged 2.5% of the primary vote across the 32 electorates contested. "For one issue to achieve this level of support, highlights that Daylight Saving requires urgent attention and needs to be addressed appropriately", Mr Furze said.

The best birthday wish the Party could hope for, would be an undertaking by the State Government to revisit the issue of Daylight Saving. The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party are advocating a dual time zone be implemented in Queensland. A dual time zone would assist businesses in the south-east region, and satisfy the majority of all Queenslanders, not just the minority, as is currently the case.

"Daylight Saving continues to be a significant issue facing Queensland. To deny this, is to deny the needs of business, and deny the people of South East Queensland greater lifestyle opportunities", Mr Furze said.

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