

Good Morning Everyone,

Thank you all for being here today.

I would like to use this opportunity to clarify a particularly important point. DS4SEQ are NOT advocating daylight saving for the entire state of Queensland. We respect the views of regional and rural Queenslanders, so what DS4SEQ ARE proposing is Daylight Saving for South East Queensland only.

Yes, this means that for 6 months of the year, a dual time zone would operate in Queensland. This represents a real alternative that reflects the geographic reality and diversity of the State. Is this an unrealistic proposal? We don't believe so.

It is obvious that the current situation – which sees both major State political parties – ignoring the issue, ignoring the needs of business, and ignoring the view of South East Queenslanders, is untenable.

A single issue political party will provide a clear opportunity for people to have a say on daylight saving, in a forum that the major political parties will understand – A State Election.

We believe our proposed daylight saving time zone for South East Queensland is well thought out, and at the very least worthy of a trial, with a referendum on the possibility of Queensland adopting such a dual time zone system.

South East Queenslanders are frustrated that neither the Government, nor the Opposition have been prepared to explore options on this issue. We welcome discussions with the Government and the Opposition to go over the details of our policy.

DS4SEQ recognise the difficulties that a single issue political party may face in conducting its affairs, however, unlike most single issue political parties, our issue is one that almost every Queenslander has an opinion on. More importantly, daylight saving is supported by 70% of South East Queenslanders. These are the people who we will be asking to vote DS4SEQ number '1', in the next state election.

We acknowledge that there are many important issues facing the State of Queensland. Nonetheless, DS4SEQ do not believe that this is a valid reason to ignore the majority voice of South East Queenslanders who support daylight saving.

We are simply asking that viable options, like a dual time zone with daylight saving in South East Queensland, be explored. The idea that it is necessary for all of Queensland to be on one time zone is an argument that we believe is outdated, out of touch and inflexible.

In relation to daylight saving, there has been a major shift in community attitudes in Queensland since the 1992 Referendum and it's time to adapt to that changing landscape and consider a dual time zone concept.

Thank you all for your time.

Are there any Questions?