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Daylight Saving in South East Queensland commences October 2009

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party (DS4SEQ) would like to congratulate the Queensland Government for making the decision late last night, to introduce a two year trial of Daylight Saving Time into South East Queensland from Sunday 4 October 2009, after which, a referendum will be held during April 2011.

"This decision would support the Government's own research in 2007, that indicated 55% of Queensland constituents are in favour of daylight saving and 69% of residents in South East Queensland would like to have daylight saving implemented", DS4SEQ Party Leader, Jason Furze said.

The announcement took Mr Furze by surprise, when he received a phone call from the Premier late last night, informing him of the decision to implement the DS4SEQ dual time zone proposal, which now has bipartisan support in Parliament.

Mr Furze said the Premier acknowledged that she had a mandate to protect Queensland's economy and Queensland jobs. Daylight saving would play a major part, by saving the South East Queensland economy \$14 billion, due to continued alignment with the other eastern states, throughout the full 12 months of each year.

"Ms Bligh has stated that she wants to be the Premier for the whole of the state. Implementing a dual time zone would show that consideration has been given, not only to regional Queensland, but also to the South East Queensland region - thus all of the state," Mr Furze said.

"The issue of daylight saving has been placed in the 'Too Hard Basket' for too long, and it's about time that true leadership was displayed in relation to this issue, and a dual time zone implemented", Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze also announced that in light of the decision made by Premier Bligh, the Party would begin discussions with the Electoral Commission of Queensland to de-register the Party.

"It's game over as far as we are concerned. The Party was formed to see Daylight Saving Time implemented into South East Queensland. Once daylight saving is implemented into South East Queensland, we see no point in continuing to be a political party," Mr Furze said.

The Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party is proud to have been the mechanism to have brought the majority voice to the Government. The Party wishes both the Government and the Opposition well for this term.

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