

Daylight Saving - potential for additional 182 'Earth Hour' days

Introducing Daylight Saving into South East Queensland would result in an additional 182 'Earth Hour' days.

Daylight Saving for South East Queensland Party Leader, Jason Furze, said that South East Queensland households could be enjoying an hour of light saving, like Earth Hour, for six 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. Given that there would still be adequate natural light in the morning to perform general household activities, there is no real downside to daylight saving", Mr Furze said.

Saturday 27 March is the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour 2010. This is when businesses and households are 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.

Mr Furze said that it is difficult to comprehend why the Queensland State Government is quick to support Earth Hour, but refuses to acknowledge the benefits of Daylight Saving.

"While 'Earth Hour' is symbolic, Daylight Saving would provide ongoing tangible benefits. Having Daylight Saving introduced into South East Queensland would allow households to benefit from better use of natural light and, at the same time, meet the needs of the business community", Mr Furze said.

Mr Furze said to resolve the issue of Daylight Saving, a dual time zone, with Daylight Saving in South East Queensland only, should be seriously considered as a viable option.

"A dual time zone for Queensland is a modern day solution to an age old problem. A dual time zone would satisfy the majority of all Queenslanders", Mr Furze said.

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