



Senator Sue Boyce
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BRING ON DAYLIGHT SAVING REFERENDUM

If the Bligh Labor Government had any spine, a daylight saving trial would happen next summer, LNP Senator Sue Boyce, said today.

"Business in south-east Queensland wants it and needs it. Daylight saving will mean a big boost for productivity in the south-east corner and that means more employment opportunities," Senator Boyce said.

"I am sure that a referendum after a trial would show that the overwhelming majority of people in the south-east want daylight saving," she said.

"The Government has to show some spine and some leadership by announcing a trial next summer."

"They must also support Independent MP Peter Wellington's Bill that will allow a referendum at the same time as the next State election on whether or not south-east Queensland should have daylight saving."

Senator Boyce said she was a strong supporter of daylight saving in south-east Queensland in an area bounded by the Sunshine Coast in the north, Toowoomba in the west and the New South Wales border.

"Only a referendum would show what Local Authority areas want daylight saving and what ones don't. That is the only way community views are going to be properly established and there has to be a trial first," Senator Boyce said.

"I am a strong supporter of daylight saving in the south-east corner as the great majority of Queenslanders in this area is but I also respect the views of those in the north and west who may not favour it."

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