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I refer to your letter of 29 April 2009 relating to petition No. 1140-08 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 23 April 2009 regarding daylight saving in Queensland.

Please find enclosed a copy of my response to the principal petitioner, Mr Kevin Jensen.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for my response to Mr Jensen to be tabled in Parliament on my behalf. As requested, an electronic copy of the letter will be forwarded to the Table Office.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Mr Jensen

Thank you for your e-petition (No. 1140-08) regarding the introduction of daylight saving in Queensland which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland on 23 April 2009.

As you may be aware, in April 2007, the Government commissioned independent research company ACNielsen to conduct research on attitudes on daylight saving in Queensland. The research found 59 per cent of all those surveyed support the introduction of daylight saving across Queensland.

The survey, however, also showed there is strong opposition to daylight saving in regional Queensland, with 52 per cent of residents opposed to its introduction across the State.

Further, the research found strong opposition to the introduction of a split time zone in Queensland, with 63 per cent of those surveyed in regional and rural Queensland and 45 per cent of those surveyed in South East Queensland (SEQ) being opposed, with 41 per cent of SEQ residents supporting a split time zone.

While residents of SEQ are overwhelmingly supportive of the introduction of daylight saving, the same residents have indicated they do not support the introduction of split time zones. In fact, certain areas of SEQ were strongly opposed to a split time zone, with residents of Toowoomba opposing it by 73 per cent to 20 per cent and residents of the Sunshine Coast opposing it by 50 per cent to 35 per cent.


There is concern amongst all Queenslanders that introducing two time zones will create community division and will cause confusion and difficulty, particularly for those people living and working near a time zone border.

The Government is not prepared to split the State, either by imposing daylight saving on the regions, which clearly do not want it, or by creating two time zones within the State.

I grew up on the Gold Coast and can see the benefits of daylight saving on lifestyle and business in SEQ. However, the reality is that daylight saving is unpopular in the rest of the State and has a large negative impact on regional Queenslanders' lives. I have made it clear that I will listen to the regions and govern for all of Queensland.

Based on the research findings, the Government has decided not to introduce daylight saving in Queensland and will not be holding a referendum on a split time zone system nor conducting a trial.

Yours sincerely



**ANNA BLIGH MP**  
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