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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 19 March 2014 enclosing petition 2182-13 about the possibility of introducing daylight saving in Queensland, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 18 March 2014.

The problem with the issue of daylight saving is that it divides Queenslanders. I have received many letters and emails detailing different viewpoints from all across the State and I think it's fair to say that, generally, many people living in south-east Queensland support daylight saving, while the majority of people in other regions oppose it. Whatever side of the argument you believe in, this issue is one that many Queenslanders are very passionate about.

The Government believes that there are far greater priorities facing our State that need our urgent attention. These include growing a four pillar economy based on tourism, agriculture, construction and resources, revitalising front-line services, delivering better infrastructure and better planning, restoring accountability in Government, and getting the State's finances back on track.

Unfortunately, introducing daylight saving in our State will not solve these big problems that affect Queenslanders on a daily basis, such as providing access to decent health care, education and police services.

While I don't wish to disregard the opinions of those supporting a change in the future, the Government will not be considering proposals to introduce daylight saving — either statewide or by splitting the State into separate time zones — at this time. This is consistent with the policy that we took to the election in March 2012.

Again thank you for forwarding this petition to me. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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