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Dear Mr Brown

### **How to mitigate the impact of daylight saving on Eyre Peninsula**

The South Australian Farmers Federation (SAFF) is pleased that the State Government has recognised that daylight saving has a negative impact, particularly on Eyre Peninsula, and that consideration is being given to how to lessen this impact.

To ascertain the views of SAFF members on Eyre Peninsula, this was raised at a regional meeting at Kimba as well as asking members for individual comments.

**The general consensus is that there should be no half measures such as a separate time zone for Eyre Peninsula, or changes in school hours. For Eyre Peninsula, the simple fact is that daylight saving finishes too late in the year and starts too early.**

At the regional meeting where this was discussed, the outcome was that the meeting concluded that daylight saving goes too long. The members present indicated that they would prefer that daylight saving stopped at the beginning of March. There was a comment that there had been a trial last year of a school starting and finishing one hour later, but that this did not work – the trial showed that any changes in time must be for all the community or no-one, and the businesses in the town in particular did not wish to change. The consensus of meeting was that there should be 'real' Central Standard Time with South Australia being one hour behind the Eastern States and one hour ahead of Western Australia. (This is SAFF official policy.)

Other members have contacted SAFF, making very similar comments to those made at the regional meeting. Several indicated that if daylight saving is going to always be extended into April, then the State Government should be prepared to compensate the residents on Eyre Peninsula, particularly those in the Far West, for the higher electricity bills that they receive.

Given the interest that farmers in general, and SAFF in particular, have on the issue of daylight saving, we were disappointed that SAFF as a key stakeholder was not directly asked for comments on how to lessen the impact of daylight saving. We only picked up through the media on Eyre Peninsula that there was a call for submissions.

Yours sincerely

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