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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petitions No. 2732-17, 2670-16, 2600-16 and 2533-16 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 21 March 2017 requesting a permanent change to the standard time in Queensland.

The petitioners request the House to take the necessary steps to prevail upon its counterparts in other Eastern States and the Australian Capital Territory to abandon daylight savings time and, with Queensland, permanently advance Australian Eastern Daylight Time forward 30 minutes.

While the Government appreciates the views of the petitioners, the Government is also aware that there are many different and strongly held viewpoints on any suggestions for change to Queensland's time zone.

The Government is committed to governing for all parts of the State and there is a genuine concern that any proposal for change in this area would be likely to cause deep divisions in our community. For this reason, the Government's position is to maintain the status quo and to continue to follow the current Australian Eastern Standard Time, as provided by the *Standard Time Act 1894*. Where the Government holds this view, it will not be making representations to other jurisdictions on the issue of their time zones.

However, I appreciate the petitioners bringing their views on this matter to the attention of the Legislative Assembly.

Yours sincerely

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