

Media release

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Debating SA's time zone – last chance to have your say

The South Australian community is encouraged to attend a debate on Thursday 9 April 2015 about whether the State's current time zone should be changed.

Hosted by Leigh McClusky, the debate will be the final opportunity for people to have their say before the closing of submissions on Friday 10 April, 2015.

To be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm (and streamed live online), participants will hear from the Minister for Investment and Trade, Martin Hamilton-Smith as well as a select panel of members about the potential positive and negative impacts of each of the time zone options.

The three options being explored are:

- Move 30 minutes forward to align with the eastern states (UTC +10)
- Move 30 minutes back towards Western Australia (UTC +9)
- Retain the current time zone (UTC +9.5).

Attendees will also have the chance to ask questions to the panel, which represents the viewpoints of the business sector, festivals and events, the West Coast community and the farming sector.

The panel will comprise of:

- Jane Yuile - Chairman of ANZ South Australia
- Rob Kerin - Chairman of Regional Development South Australia and Executive Chair of Primary Producers South Australia
- Christie Anthoney - Executive Officer, Festivals Adelaide
- Mayor Allan Suter - District Council of Ceduna
- Associate Professor Michael O'Neil - Executive Director of South Australian Centre for Economic Studies.

For people unable to attend the event, the debate will also be streamed live via webcast. A link to access the webcast will be emailed to those who have registered prior to the event, along with an email address for questions to be submitted through to the panel.

Following the discussion, participants will be invited to submit their views at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/timezone

Following 10 April - the State Government will assess all feedback and provide recommendations for further consultation, which will include the advantages and costs associated with each of the options.

The debate is the final consultation session to be held, following the State Government's Industry Roundtable on 26 March and consultations in Ceduna and Port Lincoln on 1 April and Mount Gambier on 7 April 2015.

Register to attend the debate: www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/timezone or call 8303 2419.

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