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Dear Ms Minnican

Proposed Modification: 4-Month Daylight Savings Time from 1st Sunday of November to 1st Sunday of March

I refer to the Petition dated 10 October 2024 presented by the Member for Murray, Mrs Helen Dalton MP, in the Legislative Assembly regarding daylight saving. Although the NSW Parliament website states that the Minister responsible for the Petition is the Special Minister of State, I, as Attorney General, am responding to the Petition because time in NSW is governed by the *Standard Time Act 1987* and I administer that Act.

I appreciate the time the petitioners have taken to bring this matter to the NSW Government's attention. I acknowledge the concerns raised about the impact daylight saving has for the residents of NSW, particularly those in rural, remote and regional NSW and the west of the State.

Daylight saving in NSW is currently synchronised with Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory, which improves business operation conditions by ensuring consistency. Any changes to the length of the daylight saving period would require agreement with other jurisdictions in order to avoid a range of cross-jurisdictional issues.

As time in NSW is governed by the *Standard Time Act 1987*, any change to Australian Eastern Standard Time or daylight saving would require legislative change.

There are currently no plans to make legislative changes to the provisions relating to Australian Eastern Daylight Time in New South Wales.

I thank the petitioners for taking the time to raise this important issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Daley".

Michael Daley MP
Attorney General