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## DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY

Industrial Relations Minister Michael Wright is reminding South Australians that daylight saving finishes this weekend.

Mr Wright says clocks should be turned **back one hour** from 3am to 2am on Sunday, 6 April.

“The best thing to do is turn your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night,” he said.

“South Australia is currently piloting an extension of daylight saving. As a result, daylight saving has run a week longer than usual.

“The trial will also see daylight saving resume three weeks earlier on the first Sunday in October later this year.

“This extension will see South Australia receive an extra month of daylight saving in 2008 and keeps us in line with NSW, Victoria, the ACT and Tasmania who have also extended their daylight saving periods.

“The community has shown majority support for this extension of daylight saving but the Government wants to see how it goes over the course of a year before a decision is made on whether to adopt it permanently.

“Bringing ourselves into line with the eastern states reduces added costs and confusion for South Australian businesses.

“The move also facilitates tourism with more events able to be held in the evening and for people to take part in additional outdoor sport and recreation.

“The Government is mindful of the impact of extended daylight saving in regional communities, especially those on the West Coast, and we are working with Local Councils in that regard.

“We must also emphasise that South Australia will not be adopting Eastern Standard Time,” said Mr Wright.