



DAYLIGHT SAVING EXTENSION CONSULTATION POST-TRIAL ANALYSIS OF SELF-INITIATED RESPONSES 2008

The community was invited by the Government to provide comments to SafeWork SA following a trial extension of daylight saving during 2008. This table relates to self-initiated feedback received from October to December 2008 (after the conclusion of the trial extended period of daylight saving) as well as letters and other correspondence received by the Government following the extra week of daylight saving in April 2008.

The Government has utilised this data as part of its deliberations on this issue and the decision has been made considering the best interests of the State as a whole, having also taken into account other data and the range of arguments and opinions put forward.

Care should be taken when utilising this data as they are not random samples of the South Australian community and were not statistically weighted for population distribution, age and gender. The results therefore could be unreliable for statistical purposes.

Population distribution data from the ABS 2006 Census indicates 74% reside in the Adelaide metropolitan area and 26% in regional areas of South Australia. As an example, if these population proportions are applied to the self-initiated responses SafeWork SA received, the weighted result indicated overall majority support for an extension (54%).

METROPOLITAN AREA					
ORIGIN OF RESPONSE	YES	NO	Part Extension in October	Part Extension in April	TOTAL
Website Survey *	551	307	82	4	944
Letters **	1	39	7	0	47
TOTAL	552 (25.05%)	346 (15.70%)	89 (4.04%)	4 (0.18%)	991 (44.96%)
COUNTRY AREA					
ORIGIN OF RESPONSE	YES	NO	Part Extension in October	Part Extension in April	TOTAL
Website Survey *	142	640	102	4	888
Letters **	4	306	15	0	325
TOTAL	146 (6.62%)	946 (42.92%)	117 (5.31%)	4 (0.18%)	1213 (55.04%)

TOTAL FOR ALL AREAS					
ORIGIN OF RESPONSE	YES	NO	Part Extension in October	Part Extension in April	TOTAL
Website Survey *	693	947	184	8	1832
Letters **	5	345	22	0	372
TOTAL	698 (31.67%)	1292 (58.62%)	206 (9.35%)	8 (0.36%)	2204 (100%)

* Website Survey = survey responses from the SafeWork SA web site

** Letters = mail responses received following advertised request for public comment

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