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Dividing Queensland Time Zones Divides Queenslanders

Driscoll – “Dividing Queensland will destroy our entire supply chain”

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The **United Retail Federation**, a peak national industry body representing the retail sector has said that any proposal to split the state into two commercial time zones would have a detrimental effect for the entire retail supply chain in Queensland, calling on Premier Bligh to nominate the "Bligh Line" that will divide Queenslanders.

Scott Driscoll, National Executive Director of the **United Retail Federation**, has said the retail supply chain, "from the farm gate to the supermarket shelf will suffer from the proposed split time zone".

"The direct costs and coordination burden on our entire supply chain not to mention the encompassing freight, transport and logistical costs that will go through the roof if such an absurd proposal was ever introduced," Mr Driscoll said.

"Splitting our state doesn't make sense. It seems to me to be a very simplistic attempt to shift a problem that business is having on the border region to the entire state of Queensland.

"The transport, logistical, freight and economic issues that business is currently experiencing on the Queensland-New South Wales border will be amplified for the entire state if the Bligh proposal was to succeed.

"It does seem to be a very cynical exercise in politics over people. If Premier Bligh wants a debate on the merits of daylight saving she should at least have the conviction to debate the issue sensibly.

"As it stands, shifting the problem from the border to the north will not solve anything. In fact, it will amplify problems for the entire small business community and it will ultimately put a massive burden on the entire supply chain with the end result being job losses.

"I call on Premier Bligh to nominate precisely where she intends to draw the new '**Bligh Line**' and divide the state of Queensland."

Editor's Note: Scott Driscoll will be on the Gold Coast today and available for further comment on *0413 831 045*.

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