

Queensland with Two Time Zones

Queensland parliament, both the Liberal National Party and the Australian Labor Party, do not seem to have emerged into the modern world of communications, cooperation with other Australian states, and operate solely as a constitutional state. Especially when it comes to adopting daylight saving (DLS) in sync with the other east coast states, and for about six months October to about April is one hour behind their time. The effect on business and identities that cooperates with counterparts in the other state south of the border is not conducive to productivity.

Their collective objection to DLS is that they will NOT DIVIDE THE STATE!

I contend that it is nothing more than some off-the -planet political decision and that due to the size of the state it needs two times zones with thirty-minutes between Queensland's west and east should have been defined and adopted at Federation, January 1901, nearly one hundred and twenty years ago.

Some argue that only the South-East corner of the state, the capital and from the border to Noosa to Toowoomba and back to The Tweed at someplace. That in my mind is ridiculous and used politically to deny a comprehensive and factual decision based on the natural sun effects and time.

I believe that the state should have times zones based on a longitudinal meridian, as all other global times are, one hour per fifteen degrees of longitude, east and west of Zero Longitude that passes through Greenwich, England. Countries apply some local time zone boundaries because of their geographical area and the time meridian.

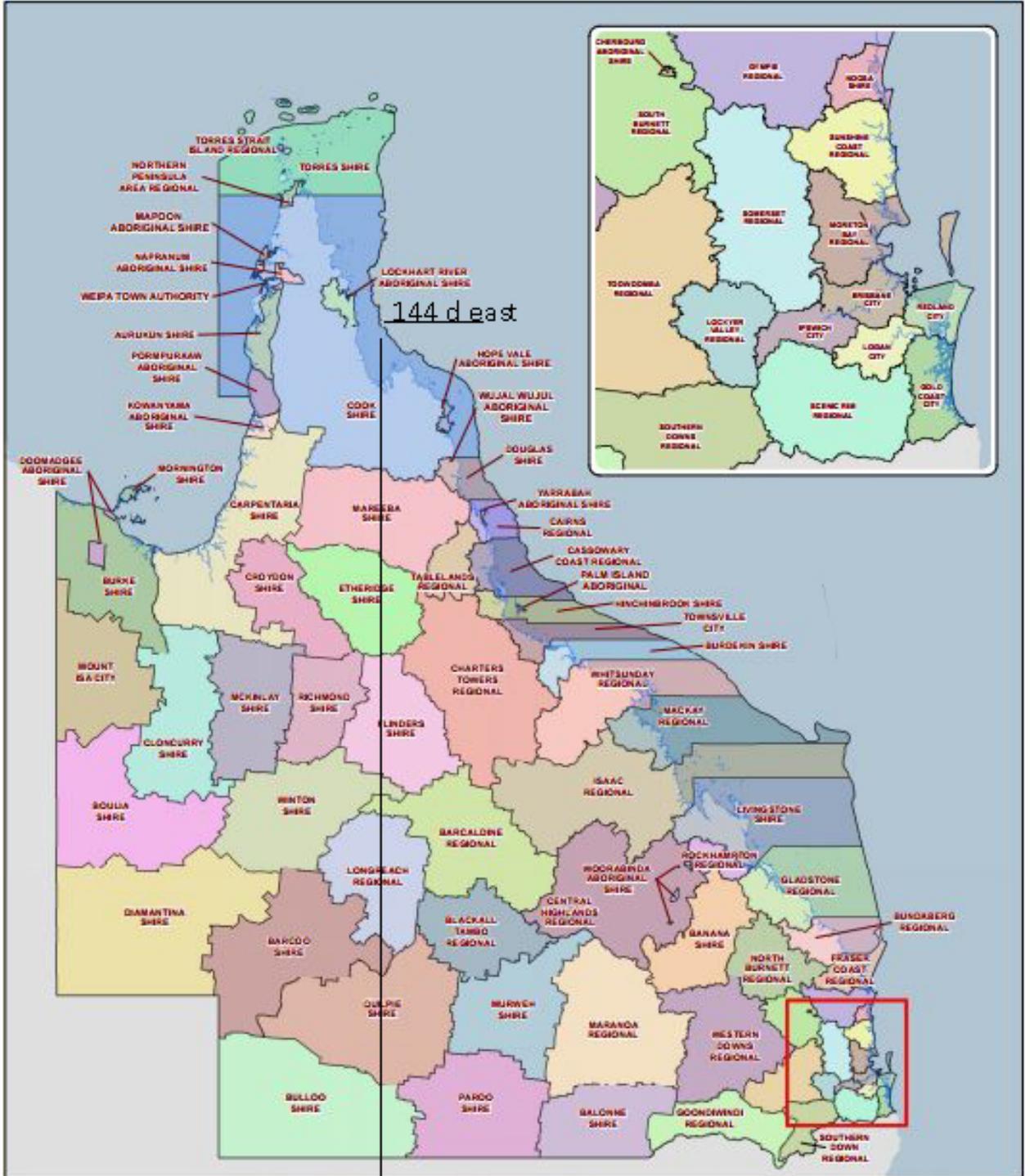
I would select the longitude of one hundred and forty or forty-five with local government bisected by this meridian adopting with Queensland West or EAST time.

I have included and map of Queensland and using 144 degrees East as the meridian and showing what local government are bisected.

However, we need the understand times zones. Here are two links explaining how and why times zones are essential for accurate rail time tables and navigation of ships and then communications and now for all of life's wants and needs, these are;

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/time-zones-history.html>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time_zone



144 east

Key
LGA boundary



17,500,000 44 43
Coordinate System: GCS GDA 1984
Datum: GDA 1984
Units: Degree

Local Government Areas Boundaries



Table showing Sunrise and Sunset Brisbane - Longreach - Mt Isa

Reference Weather Zone Website for sunrise and set times 25 October 2019

The first table shows the sunrise and sunset of Brisbane, Longreach and Mt Isa on Eastern Standard Time (EST) (UTC plus ten hours) extracted from the Weather Zone website for the day of 25 October 2019.

The second table using only Longreach and Mt Isa is adopting Queensland Western Time (QWT) using Central Time (CT) that is UTS plus nine and a half hours.

Eastern Standard Time (EST) UTC plus Ten hours EST

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>SunRise Time</u>	<u>Sunset time</u>
Brisbane	25 October 2019	0504	1800
Longreach		0520	1832
Mt Isa		0604	1918

Central Time UTC plus 9.5 hours = minus 30 minute EST

Longreach		0554	1802
Mt Isa		0534	1848

Summary:

Longreach would not benefit commercially or be advantaged by adopting CST and suggested to remain of EST

Mt Isa the only large populous centre west of Longreach would. As would those towns west of Hughenden that would use Mt Isa as their main city centre.

Those local government that straddle the 144/5 meridian should choose what time zone would be most beneficial for their region.

Referring to the map of Qld and meridian 144 east, should that or 145 East be chosen, then the only centres on CT that could be named Queensland Western Time, so it is not confused with CT, but, they would be in the same zone.

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