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The Nationals give Parliament notice of daylight saving Bill

The Nationals WA today gave notice to Parliament of the party's intention to introduce a Private Members Bill calling on the State Government to initiate a referendum on daylight saving on October 20, 2007.

The move came as party leader Brendon Grylls and his Parliamentary colleagues were handed petitions containing more than 24,000 signatures from both metropolitan and regional constituents at Parliament House this afternoon calling for an early referendum.

Mr Grylls said he hoped the Bill would be placed on a priority list for debate in the Parliament.

"There is now a major division and upheaval in the community over daylight saving and the way it was introduced," Mr Grylls said.

"The only reason the Government made it a three-year trial was because it knew if it had a referendum after one year that daylight saving would be thrown out, just as it was at the previous three referendums.

"And it's not just country people who don't want it. Many people living in the metropolitan area have relayed their frustrations to The Nationals WA.

"We were the only political party to stand up in the WA Parliament to block the legislation, but were overwhelmed by the numbers."

Mr Grylls said the three previous referendums on daylight saving were lost because the majority of people who live in Western Australia said they did not want it and now online, television and newspaper polls, petitions, emails and phone calls were proving the community's attitude toward daylight saving had not changed.

"What more proof does the State Government need to realise that Western Australians don't like or want daylight saving?" he asked.

The public can still access the petition at www.nationalswa.com

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