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SUBMISSION

1. The extent to which current petrol prices increase the competitiveness of alternative fuel sources such as E-10; Response: Filled up with ULP at BP Goodna on Friday September 16. ULP price \$1.21p/l. E-10 \$1.21p/l 2. The economic and financial consequences of current fuel prices with a particular emphasis on regional Queensland and outer metropolitan areas; Response: I find I have to sacrifice other things such as food, maintenance plans by only focusing on emergency repairs to maintain safety, We also do not go out anymore and avoid unnecessary travel to shops or to Brisbane. 3. Practical ways that consumers can reduce their petrol bills; Response: Public transport, though quite difficult in country towns to obtain. Do away with short and unnecessary trips. 4. Whether existing information on the fuel efficiency of different makes of motor vehicles is sufficient; Response: We drive a Falcon which is okay on fuel. My trike is powered by a VW engine which is very economical. 5. The extent to which recent fuel increases could be moderated through enhanced domestic competition; Response: There appears to be no competition in Toowoomba. Prices are exact the same most of the time. When a price changes, all other follow suit to the exact same amount. 6. How the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission powers could be strengthened to deliver enhanced competition; Response: The ACCC is a toothless tiger and irrelevant. 7. Whether Queensland receives its fair share of road funding; Response: Our rural roads are in a terrible condition and are deteriorating quickly. Maintenance and upgrades are non-existent outside the South East and the Bruce Highway. 8. The capacity and benefits of the Federal Government to reduce fuel excise to ameliorate the impact of high fuel prices on families and business; Response: Do away with world parity pricing and excise. Of all fuel used in Australia, 80% is from our own resources. Why do we have to pay world prices for our own resource? The only winners are the oil companies and the federal government. 9. Whether Queensland motorists are receiving the full benefit of the 8.354 cents per litre subsidy; and Response: It's very hard to determine whether the subsidy is passed on as our fuel prices at the pump generally match those of southern states. The subsidy should be handed to motorists through lower registration costs. 10. The efficiency of administration for the Bulk End Users Scheme. Response: Where government is involved in administration, there is no efficiency and there is endless bureaucracy and red tape.