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Subject: Petrol Pricing

To all in Australia that it concerns,

The cost of fuel in Australia at present is ridiculously overpriced and we are being held to ransom over the pricing by the oil companies. The loss of the oil refineries because of the hurricane is just a ruse to increase their profit margins. If I was a terrorist it has also highlighted every countries dependency on fuel for transportation and the chaos that could be caused by disrupting that supply.

As an Australian I believe with our fossil fuel sources available to us we should not have to be dependant upon any other country for fuel and effected by their control over pricing. I am sure you are aware of the apartheid when it was happening in South Africa. The country was embargoed, And to raise some awareness they had a vast supply of coal which we also have, well to cut a long story short they made petroleum from the coal. We have one of the biggest basins in the world full of coal. Not to mention other fuel sources such as gas and other renewable energy sources such as ethanol etc.

To cut a long story short we are being rorted and natural disasters are being used as a means of profiteering. The government should be moving along the lines of making our great nation self sufficient in fuel so we can't be held to ransom by the oil companies over the next drama to push their profits up even further or is the government more interested in the extra GST to pay their pensions and stuff the small guys and businesses until they revolt. The petrol issue is just as important as the health issue at present as it is going to cause the cost of living to rise dramatically. If it's just pushed under the carpet or squashed because its in the too hard basket then I believe the people of our nation will find leaders who are prepared to deal with the problem in a positive manner and fix the situation.

Yours sincerely
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