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**GROSS PRICE:** Fuel prices have increased from 80c per lt in the middle of 2003 to 129.9 in 2005 that equates to a 62% rise. This is a major problem for us as we rely on Diesel to operate our machinery. This machine requires approx 15lts per hour to operate, this means an increase cost of \$7.50 per hour.

The Queensland Govt then penalises us an extra 8c per lt for off road use. We are not using the roads so therefore it is very unfair to have to pay the penalty. They subsidise heavy transport for the 8c per lt and they cause damage to the roads, which we then in turn have to repair and pay the 8c per lt.

The Federal Govt only allows excise rebates on certain eligible areas. Most of our work is sub-divisional and Main Roads construction which doesn't allow excise rebate. So as you can hopefully see we are being penalized every which way. Why can't both governments work together to give us some concession on fuel.

Yours truly,

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