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The extent to which current petrol prices increase the competitiveness of alternative fuel sources such as E-10

Obviously and hence the last thing you want to do is start subsidising petrol!

The economic and financial consequences of current fuel prices with a particular emphasis on regional Queensland and outer metropolitan areas

In the outer metro areas that are transport disadvantaged - not rail, bus etc - it will be significant. These areas and communities were built on the unrealistic assumption that fuel was cheap and would stay that way for ever and we are still building them!!! In regional qld not as significant and likely a positive in many communities as people wont drive to distant shopping centres but may rely on local shops more!. If it gets more people on bikes, walking, catching trains, there may well be a positive economic and financial benefit - reduced health costs, less pollution.

Practical ways that consumers can reduce their petrol bills

Ride a bike, walk, turn the air conditioner off, drive slower, be less impatient, make less trips, car share, plan their trips, avoid peak hour travel, catch the train, catch the bus, walk the kids to school, take the school bus, drive a smaller car and having cashed in the shopper docket dont blow the savings on overpriced sweets, chocolates, cans of coke etc at the service station

Whether existing information on the fuel efficiency of different makes of motor vehicles is sufficient

No and what is available isnt accurate. The city mileage figure doesnt account for aircon on, traffic jams, stop start etc so that urban fuel usage - especially for gaz guzzling overweight 4wds etc - is about 30% worse than claimed. Also its also only giving fuel consumption on new engines.

The extent to which recent fuel increases could be moderated through enhanced domestic competition

Great in theory!

whether Queensland receives its fair share of road funding

This has got nothing to do with fuel pricing

The capacity and benefits of the Federal Government to reduce fuel excise to ameliorate the impact of high fuel prices on families and business

If it did it would be a complete cop out and about as successful as last time when 1.5 c of excise was removed and the price waqs unaffected but 500M of tax revenue was lost! I drive a small car and ride a bike etc - I dont want more subsidies going to roads, motoring etc!

Whether Queensland motorists are receiving the full benefit of the 8.354 cents per litre subsidy

Who knows but its about time we gave it away and got with the rest of Australia