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

I own and run a interstate / intra state transport company . Since the increse in fuel prices we are now finding it very hard to stay viable in the transport industry . It now costs around \$ 1.72 per kilometre for every kilometre traveled to move a prime mover and one tri axle trailer Our sub contractors are now running at a loss on every trip they do It now costs around \$ 3164.80 to move a load of freight from Brisbane to Cairns The sub contractors and small transport companies are only getting paid around \$ 3000.00 for that trip and then are loseing \$ 3164.80 on the return trip if the can not find back loading . We are loseing sub contractors and small transport companies at a rapid rate and their will have to be increases of rates in Australia of around 120 % to keep the small transport operators and sub contractors viable . Their are a number or reasons for this but the increase in fuel costs is a major contrubuter to the loss of people in the transport industry . If we continue to lose people in our industry at the current rate the Australian economy will be put under strain . I belive that with the loss of people in the transport industry from riseing costs that this will have a detremential efect on Australias economy and could have more far reaching effects than any act of terrorism . Peter Schuback 07 41 24 88 99

How the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission powers could be strengthened to deliver enhanced competition

It is not much good extending more power to the ACCC From my dealings with them I find that they are noting more than a paper tiger . They have never prosacuted any one that I have put in a complaints about and this involves companies that in my findings seem to have defrauded the public and the sub contractors in the transport industry of in excess of 120 billion dollars by charging insurance to the sub contracrtors and senders of freight when these companies have never had the licencess to do so and have pocketed the money .

whether Queensland receives its fair share of road funding

We do not recieve any where near the amount of money we need to keep our roads in the condition that we should epect to be able to drive on , I belive that all road funding plus fuel tax , and other taxes that are recieved from all forms of tax from the motorists should go back into our roads .

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

Fuel Prices are in the US at this date are two dollars and fourteen cents a gallon . That equates to to 47.55 cents US a litre or 58 .80 cents a litre Australian Diesel fuel in N. Z is 60 cents NZ a litre that equates to around 45 cents per litre Australian . Their are many other countries that fuel is cheaper than Australia . We are being screwed by our own government on this issue