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**SUBMISSION**

Attention: Mr Andrew Fraser (Chairman)

I am a Taxi Operator in Cairns.

A couple of comments only to make Andrew,

1. I noted that one local company that operates 5 Service Stations in Cairns Trinity Petroleum has put it's price up on all service stations at the same time every time there is a price rise, now all the tanks can't run dry at the same time and they wouldn't have the volume on hand to fill them if they did, so how about doing something about their price fixing for a start.

2. There is no subsidy on LPG why not, do you have a reasonable suggestion why not?

3. E10 should be encouraged for use by Taxis with a subsidy and discount for volume offered the same as it is for petrol, this could be done by making all service stations supply E10 as an alternative, discount would need to be slightly larger than petrol because of the less efficiency of E10. This would place E10 on the map for good and establish an economical E10 industry, benefits to the Cain Industry would be phenomenal. Service Stations currently offering E10 would be forced to lower their price to compete if all servos had to offer it.

4. How about a Sales Tax incentive on purchase of Hybrid vehicles for fleet "Petrol Electric" like the Toyota Prius 40 Kilometres to the litre.

5. I believe that all of Cairns Petrol comes from Singapore so why are we dearer than Townsville, the boat stops here first?

6. My petrol costs will have risen by \$7,000 per annum this year, Taxis are doing it tough, this will increase the Taxi running cost to \$70,000 per annum this fiscal year.

Regards,  
Bob Allaway