



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Fuel Prices, Reporting**

 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries) (7.15 pm): The Australian government and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission are primarily responsible for fuel pricing. However, the Palaszczuk government has taken action to assist Queenslanders to get the best possible deal at the bowser. Queensland motorists are now able to save at the bowser by using fuel price apps and websites to find the cheapest fuel in town. Since December our fuel price reporting trial has required all fuel retailers to report fuel prices within 30 minutes of a price change. About 1,530 retail sites, or 98 per cent that are signed up in this scheme, are now reporting their fuel prices. There are already 10 apps and websites that are using the data from our trial to make these fuel prices easily available to motorists to find the best deal. Even more apps and websites are expected to get on board with our trial.

Just in September a new national fuel app called Simple Fuel was launched by comparethemarket.com.au. A gentleman from my electorate Donald Farquhar has played an important role in the development of an app that he was kind enough to update me on in recent times. Using the data from our reporting trial, Simple Fuel incorporates Google Maps to help motorists seamlessly navigate the best price and the most convenient fuel to them. Simple Fuel is a national app, but of the thousands of people who have downloaded it since the launch the largest proportion are in Queensland. I am advised that already some motorists have enjoyed savings of between \$5 and \$20 on a single tank of fuel thanks to using the app. That is a big saving when we think about how many times a year we fill the tank. That is a big saving made possible by the Palaszczuk government's petrol price data initiative.

As Mr Farquhar said to me, the Queensland government's fuel price reporting is an important enabler for this mobile app innovation that has and will continue to put real value into the hands of Queenslanders. This is exactly the sort of saving that the Palaszczuk government envisaged when we made this data available. While fuel price reporting may not in itself lower fuel prices overall, it does empower Queensland motorists to save big by giving them the tools to shop around and find the cheapest fuel in these areas. This is real, practical help for families and businesses to keep their costs down. That is better for Queenslanders and better for Queensland's economy overall. Mr Farquhar asked me to pass on his thanks and his regards in particular to Minister Lynham for commencing this initiative and the foresight of the Palaszczuk government to deliver outcomes that will save real dollars for Queenslanders at a time when prices are up, as they are at the moment. This is an important initiative that the Palaszczuk government delivers in supporting Queenslanders, on this occasion supporting Queensland motorists.