Question on Notice
No. 814
Asked on 25 June 2026

MR R KATTER ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise (a) what schemes are currently in place to address the fuel crisis and (b) whether the Treasurer is aware of the immediately available opportunity to expand ethanol production and grow fuel in Queensland?

ANSWER:

A)

National Cabinet has endorsed a National Fuel Security Plan which sets out a coordinated government response across the Commonwealth, states and territories.

Details are available at https://fuelplan.gov.au/resources/national-fuel-security-plan

In addition, the Crisafulli Government has released a Queensland Fuel Security Plan aims to strengthen fuel security through increased domestic production, refining capacity and storage. Initiatives include, but not limited to:

- Unlocking Queensland oil reserves with $19 million to fast-track approvals for the Taroom Trough, helping to improve fuel security and reduce reliance on imports.
- Increasing local fuel production and refining more fuel in Queensland, including investing $25 million to produce renewable diesel from local feedstocks at Ampol's Lytton refinery, under the Sovereign Industry Development Fund.
- Supporting fuel infrastructure through the Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure Program, including fast tracking BP's lease extension at the Bulwer Island facility in Brisbane, unlocking up to $100 million private investment in additional fuel storage.
- Permanently locking in 50 cent public transport fares, providing ongoing cost-of-living relief for Queenslanders.

Furthermore, the Queensland Government continues to meet weekly with industry to monitor the situation, understand issues across the supply chain, and provide information to the National Taskforce.

B)

Queensland's *Liquid Fuel Supply Act 1984* requires liable fuel retailers to sell at least 4 per cent ethanol and wholesalers to sell at least 0.5 per cent biobased diesel.

In addition, the Queensland Government is backing biofuels as a priority sector through the $180.6 million Sovereign Industry Development Fund, including a $25 million investment to produce renewable diesel from local feedstocks at Ampol's Lytton refinery.

More broadly, the Queensland Government supported in-principle all recommendations of the *Parliamentary Inquiry into Sugarcane Bioenergy Opportunities in Queensland*.

The Government will also consider and respond to the outcomes of the Committee's review of the Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol and Other Biofuels Mandate) Amendment Bill 2026*,* due to be tabled in November 2026.