

Dear Dr Ian Holland,

In response to your email regarding the Inquiry into the Low Aromatic fuel Bill 2012 and in particular the submission from the Barkley Shire Council and what you call its adverse comment directed at Wycliffe Well Holiday park. I have read the document from the Council and can only see one line that says Opal fuel is yet to be introduced to Tennant Creek, Wycliffe Well and a number of pastoral stations in the area who sell fuel. I don't find this comment adverse or negative as you should not. It is not saying that we refuse to sell the product but simply is yet to be introduced.

I have never been asked to stock opal fuel by anyone and have previously asked different people in the community including mental health staff, aboriginal elders and others who would know if fuel sniffing is a problem in the Ali Curung. The answer has always been its very isolated and not frequent.

Finally let me say that that if I was shown that fuel sold here was causing a problem to my local community I would be happy to help to find a solution to the problem but at this stage your email is the first I have ever heard of it.

Regards,
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