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Question:

At least 100 sites were identified to supply low aromatic fuel as part of the expanded rollout to northern Australia. What is the current status of the rollout?

Answer:

There are currently 129 sites receiving low aromatic fuel across regional and remote Australia including 47 sites in northern Australia. There are 109 additional sites for which the rollout of low aromatic fuel is targeted across Western Australia, Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland including 83 sites in northern Australia. Consultation has commenced with the majority of the targeted sites however the number of targeted sites is likely to vary as scoping progresses.

The expanded rollout of low aromatic fuel to the Top End is dependent on the establishment of a bulk storage facility for low aromatic fuel in Darwin. The bulk storage facility in Darwin is being established at Vopak Terminals Darwin and is estimated to be completed in the second half of 2014. Most of the targeted sites are in regions dependent on establishment of this new storage facility.