

Mobil Oil Australia Pty Ltd

ABN 88 004 052 984
12 Riverside Quay
Southbank Vic 3006
GPO Box 400
Melbourne Vic 3001
Telephone: (03) 9270 3333



25 September 2008

Senator David Johnston
Chair, Senate Select Committee on Regional
and Remote Indigenous Communities
PO Box 6100, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Senator

Re: Opal Fuel Use - Remote Communities

Your letter of 9 September 2008, addressed to ExxonMobil Australia Chairman, Mark Nolan, has been forwarded to me for response.

Mobil applauds the initiative to bring Opal fuel to market and make it available as the preferred grade of petrol for supply to remote parts of Australia so as to help address the problems associated with petrol sniffing in indigenous communities. While Mobil no longer owns or operates service stations in rural and regional parts of Australia we continue to supply many fuel distributors who operate in such areas (e.g. central Australia) and assist them to obtain Opal fuel where there is a need for that product and supplies are available (Mobil does not produce Opal or an equivalent fuel itself and relies on obtaining supply of this grade from BP).

Mobil withdrew from the WA market some years ago and does not own or operate any service stations there. We have no role in the operation of the "Mobil Poinciana Roadhouse" in Halls Creek and do not supply fuel to that facility. It is of concern to us that this roadhouse continues to display Mobil branding and we will see what can be done to correct that.

We cannot provide any comment on issues that may be restricting or impeding the supply of Opal fuel at the Poinciana Roadhouse and suggest that the Committee contact the owner/operator directly about this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Bailey".

Alan Bailey
Manager, Issues & Government Relations