

Inquiry into the provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and a related bill

On 11 May 2006, the Senate referred the provisions of the Fuel Tax Bill 2006 and the Fuel Tax (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2006 to the Economics Legislation Committee for inquiry and report by 7 June 2006.

The bills provide a single system of fuel tax credits to remove or reduce the incidence of fuel tax levied on taxable fuels and a framework for the taxation of gaseous fuels from 1 July 2011, when fuel tax is levied on liquefied petroleum gas, liquefied natural gas and compressed natural gas for the first time.

The bills will replace the current system of fuel tax concessions with a single fuel tax credit system from 1 July 2006. In the future the fuel tax will only be effectively applied to:

- fuel used in private vehicles and for certain other private purposes; and
- fuel used on-road in light vehicles for business purposes.

All taxable fuel acquired or manufactured in, or imported into, Australia for use in off-road applications for business purposes will become tax-free over time.

Written submissions are invited and should be sent to:

The Secretary,
Senate Economics Legislation Committee,
Suite SG.64, Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600.

The closing date for submissions is **24 May 2006**.

The Committee requests that where possible, submissions should also be provided by email to *economics.sen@aph.gov.au*, preferably as MS Word 97 or RTF format documents. Notes to assist in preparing submissions are available from the website http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm or the Secretariat telephone 02 6277 3540, fax: 02 6277 5719, or e-mail at the above address.

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If you need any further information, contact the Committee's Secretary,

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