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To: SeniorClerk, Committee (SEN)
Subject: to whom it may concern, regarding fuel prices

my name is [REDACTED]. i live in a small country town in victoria called [REDACTED] currently am working in swan hill. i do over 200 k's a day just to and from work, it's costing me half of my wages. a while ago on tv, on the news and a current affairs, caltex bragged about how many billions dollars worth of profits they have made. that's fine, I'm getting ready to chuck my job in as there is no transportation here, there, but you have to book a ticket and it's on certain days of the week. i thought about moving to swanhill. well for the prices they are asking there i might as well move back to melbourne. but i can't afford either. when i do quit my job, i will be forced into bankruptcy yet again. i was just writing this to let someone know that hopefully cares enough to pursue this matter. it is a joke paying out that much in fuel. i want to work. but the prices of fuel is making it obsolete. which has made me think maybe that is why alot of people don't want to work or can't work because they can't afford the price of fuel or there is no transport. i also suffer depression at times when i'm not working. it's only a matter of time before the economy or prices of fuel start killing people literally.

god knows how many times i've had to go to friend's just to stop myself from doing something i DON'T want to do. i love life, but i seriously can't live like this. I'm glad i don't have kids. Because i think we'd be all in the streets by now. surely the government can stop these rogue fuel giants upping the prices whenever they see fit, he has the power. I did vote liberal last time, i think i will be voting labour for the rest of my days now. surely the government can make it so the fuel prices are capped or something. like say \$1.20 a litre. i looked at caltex website, they reckon it's do with the taxes and crude oil prices and they are not making much profit. well, they also got a email off me saying i used to work for mobil, when i did work for them we had to go to head office regarding complaints about the prices. they told us just to tell the paying customer it's all to do with crude oil prices and takes and that they only make, e.g: 5 cents a litre if that sort of thing. but then went on to say just don't let them (the paying customer) know it's actually to do with profits. caltex reported \$X billion dollars profits this year and the same last year. something HAS to be done. i DON'T want to "chuck" my job in, and i definitely DON'T want to go bankrupt again. I downgraded my car from a 6 cylinder fairmont ghia to a 4 cylinder nissan to try and save money. it backfired in my face. just after i bought that car they upped the prices by 20 cents a litre in the first week i had the car. PLEASE can someone, anyone put this through to the senate and let those ROGUE GREEDY fuel giants know how much they are hurting people. not to mention what it WILL do to the economy. they are talking 2\$ a litre by christmas. i've already heard of alot of people where i work that are already getting to quit work to go back on the dole as they won't be able to afford the price of fuel. how can they justify it, it's rubbish, i can think of better words to use, but i'm refraining from it as i'm hoping someone can help US ALL from within the parliament house at a senate meeting. I can't stress it enough. These people that invent motors that run off water and things like that only to sell it to the fuel giants for more money than what a car manufacturer offers them, again, it comes down to greed. I'm starting to think the world will end very soon if we keep going at this rate. it will end due to "economic chaos". the poorer people will revolt against the richer. as it is the poor outstrip the rich probably 1000 to 1. the government, I'm sure he can do something about these fuel prices, I'm willing to put my life on it that he can. if this letter gets ignored and i don't hear nothing back, I won't ever vote again, you can lock me up, beat me down i don't care, cause i've just about had enough of this nonsense of high prices. what happened to about 10 years ago. my

average wage was about \$380 a week,still is, but back then, i could afford to rent,pay bills,buy new clothes and shoes as i needed them, buy food.i Haven't been able to buy new shoes for the last 5 years.they are getting pretty tatty i tell you.won't be long i will be walking in bare feet, cause all my money is going in rent,fuel,and maintaing the car. i do very little shopping.on a good week i can do \$40 worth of shopping and no more.I WANT TO LIVE.I'm not enjoying my lifeas i should,if anything,it is miserable.i can't get to melbourne to see my family and they can't get up here to see me, due to the fuel prices.I'm not going off at you guys.i went off at caltex though.i will continue to do so until they stop ripping us motorists off.I'm even trying to get a rally going to go caltex head plant in S.A to satop trucks entering and leaving the premisies.at least we have freedom of speech.please pass this on to all senates.please.I would like to hear all their comments.but the main point is,surley the government HAS the power to stop these rogues.