

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

Re. Enquiry into fuel prices.

Dear Sir

Further to the above mentioned enquiry I would like to forward the following submission on behalf of myself family & the many other retired people on the Gold Coast who are hurting from the peak oil price scam.

Before retirement I had some association with the energy industry & the old National Energy Development & Research Commission. Without going into details it is well known that Australia is self sufficient in petroleum products especially gas. Any reputable geologist will tell you that oil is created by magna of the earth, proof of this is that new petroleum is showing no fossil trace, wells that were once capped off are now overflowing & previous predictions of supplies running out have not happened.

Australia has extensive oil & gas fields both on & offshore, with plenty of refining capacity connected by a vast network of pipelines. However unlike the Arab OPEC countries we do not have a current energy policy to ensure the Australian people receive the benefit of our vast energy resources.

It is within the power of the government to resolve the situation by simply removing parity pricing from domestic supplies of petroleum products & applying it only to exports. If there was any concern about supply shortages for the domestic market, exports should be curtailed until demand is met.

Based on local production data & costs I estimate that the maximum uniform prices of fuel in Australia should not exceed the following:

Petrol 50 cents per litre
Diesel 40 cents per litre
Autogas (LPG) 20 cents per litre.

At these prices it would ensure all in the production & distribution chain good margins.

The government should be congratulated on the decision to subsidise conversion of vehicles to LPG as it is virtually pollution free, it's plentiful & renewable and increases engine life. However if the government continues to allow Australians to be exploited by foreign owned oil companies, our industries & economy will suffer and they will pay the penalty at the ballot box.

All my statements can be backed up by the following sources:

Location of oil fields & pipelines: Energy Networks Association, Geoscience Australia, NSW Department of mineral Resources, QLD Department of Natural Resources & Mines, Vic Department of Primary Industries, WA Department of Industry & Resources, ABARE.

"The Deep Hot Biosphere" by Dr Gold. "The genesis of Hydrocarbons & the origin of petroleum" by Dr. Kenny. "Power from the Earth Deep Earth Gas"- Energy for the future. by Thomas Gold.

Yours sincerely

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