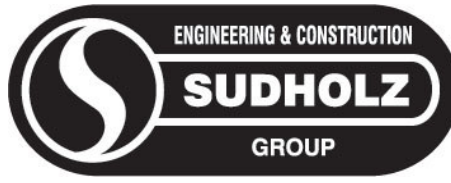


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Re: Inquiry into the Price of Petrol in Australia

Sudholz is a significant user of fuel in the Civil Construction Industry. The primary fuel used to power our earthmoving fleet is Diesel. Petrol is used to power some of our passenger motor vehicles.

National Strategic Perspective

From an Australian national strategic perspective, there is merit in moving to source and produce fuel from within Australia. This may be by way of bio-fuels, natural gas, coal and solar energy as well as applying many other new emerging technologies.

Whilst some of these technologies are capital intensive, some sources of supply such as bio-fuels are now a reality and should be strongly encouraged and supported by Government with appropriate incentives.

Well Head Tax

It is understood that there is a 10% "well head tax" on Australian Oil Wells. It is suggested that fuel excise should be reduced, GST on fuel eliminated and the Well Head Tax eliminated for fuel produced for Australian consumption.

Yours Sincerely,

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