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Who is responsible for our fuel prices? According to RACQ and MOTORMOUTH.com.au prices in Capital cities can vary up to 20 cents a litre between suburbs. Then Capital cities have their special cheaper fuel days and people in country areas have to suffer the same prices sometimes for weeks without variation..

If you look at the attached information towns/cities in Queensland can be cheaper than Brisbane yet other areas such as Bundaberg, Gladstone, Rockhampton Who get fuel by the boatload and supply towns around the area are paying more. We can go 25-45 kms away to small towns and get fuel 4 cents a litre cheaper but it comes from the major cities.

Fuel Excises and Taxes. According to attached sheets section 99 and 51 of the Constitution states rates of duty cannot differ among or within States. The High Court ruled unconstitutional the State Business Franchise fees so the Federal Government put an end to the "safety net" arrangements whereby the Commonwealth returned to the states the revenue from additional excise levied on fuel. How was the Queensland government allowed to keep the fuel subsidy up until the latest state budget?

The removal of the fuel subsidy has really hurt people in this state as it not only increases fuel prices, grocery prices, work carried out by trades people who use vehicles for their living therefore costing everyonewho use trades people in higher costs plus GST.

How much of the cost of fuel go to various governments? They never return much of the revenue into roads yet all you hear they are building safer roads. Our main roads and Highways are a disgrace. How many highways go right through the middle of towns creating noise and pollution to residents and slowing traffic down To stop/start, causing increase of fuel and tyres etc because governments don't use enough foresight.

Liquid gas Companies are going to build a 400 km pipeline from the Surat Basin to Gladstone for several Liquid Gas Plants. Most of this gas is methane which is dangerous in coal mines. How can people near this pipeline and gas plants be assured there won't be leaks and explosions.?

Yours faithfully,

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