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**Subject:** Fuel Excise Levy - Changes

To; The Senate Committee on Excise Levy  
Subject; Fuel Levy & it's Impact on General Industry

Dear Sirs,

We write this email as our submission regarding your planned changes to the Fuel Excise Levy, & like most of the other submissions, seriously question why it is even considered for such products as; printing solvents ( printing blanket cleaners ), degreasers, safety solvents & the like.

Firstly, because these products are generally 'blended' products & incorporate other ingredients, such as surfactants, anti-corrosive additives & the like, which would not only render the solution un-usable as a fuel product for Internal Combustion Engines, & would in fact be quite damaging & potentially explosive, given the right set of circumstances.

Secondly, the inherent negative effect on our cash flow is quite potentially dramatic, coupled with the extra load on a small business required to document & conform with all the necessary reporting criteria.

This would be exaggerated greatly, if any of the customers were to be declared bankrupt, with our Excise monies already having been paid out, leaving a potentially dangerous cash position.

The business realm is under dire pressure at the present time & this could certainly spell disaster to some of the industries involved in this 'chain' of events.

I trust you take this comment to be a true & sincere reservation of the merits of this policy in general.

Yours sincerely,  
Chris Barton  
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