The Senate Economics Legislation Committee Parliament House Canberra

Re: Inquiry Into the Price of Petrol in Australia

Reference: My Submission (Number 6) Regarding Diesel Prices

With regard to the Federal Government's recent offer to partially subsidise conversion to Gas:

I would be pleased if you were to take into account that this initiative will be of little benefit to owners of Diesel vehicles, primarily because the cost of converting Diesels is far higher than that of Petrol motors.

Also, there is little in this offer for those who live in remote localities, due to lack of availability of automotive gas and little likelihood of any change in this situation which would make a conversion economically viable.

Further, Gas used to be quite inexpensive compared to Petrol 10 years or so ago, but as more cars were converted, the price rose significantly. I foresee another Gas price hike once enough vehicles are converted.

Terry Willshire