

List of Recommendations

Recommendation 1

The committee recommends that any data collected by Fuelwatch be made available by the ACCC to independent academic researchers to allow open analysis of the scheme.

Recommendation 2

The committee recommends that the Government undertake close liaison with independent fuel retailers to monitor the operation of Fuelwatch. The impact on the competitiveness and market share of independent fuel retailers should be an important part of the one-year review of Fuelwatch which the Government has already promised.

Recommendation 3

The committee recommends that the Government examine the wording used in regard to 'standard prices' in the bill, and if there is a risk of ambiguity, adopt the wording that has been used in the Western Australian legislation instead.

Recommendation 4

The committee recommends that the designated review of the scheme after twelve months be undertaken in an open and transparent manner by an independent body.

Recommendation 5

The committee recommends that the Senate support the introduction of a national Fuelwatch scheme.