



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

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## FACT SHEET

### NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF LEADED RACING FUELS

The *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000* (the Act) is administered by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (the department).

Fuel standards have been made for petrol, automotive diesel, biodiesel and autogas and a fuel quality information standard applies to the supply of petrol with up to 10 per cent ethanol.

Leaded fuel does not comply with the petrol standard as the lead content of the fuel exceeds five milligrams per litre.

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts has power under section 13 of the Act to grant an approval to allow the supply of non-compliant fuel such as leaded fuel.

The supply of leaded fuel is currently covered by section 13 approvals which expire on 31 December 2008. Currently, leaded fuel may be supplied to anyone producing a leaded fuel passbook.

### THE PROPOSAL

The department is proposing to replace leaded fuel passbooks with a simplified system similar to that used for managing specialist racing fuels.

Under the proposed system, companies wishing to supply leaded and/or specialist racing fuels must apply under section 13 of the Act for approval and pay the prescribed application fee.

Motor sport competitors wishing to purchase leaded and specialist racing fuels must present a current membership from a recognised motor sport club to the fuel supplier. The supplier will check the membership and if satisfied supply the fuel.

Dynotuners requiring access to leaded fuel or specialist racing fuels to build, test or tune vehicle engines that have a technical requirement to use these fuels must present proof of corporate identity to obtain supply. The fuel supplier will check the documentation and if satisfied supply the fuel.

Interested persons are asked to read and comment on the discussion paper describing the proposed approach to managing both leaded and specialist racing fuels. Written comments are required by **8 September 2008**.

Written submissions can be lodged with:

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The discussion paper is available at [www.environment.gov.au/racingfuels](http://www.environment.gov.au/racingfuels) or by telephoning (02) 6274 1425.