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Proposed Australian Biodiesel Fuel Quality Standard

In March 2003, the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, the Hon Dr David Kemp MP released a discussion paper¹ on setting an Australian fuel quality standard for biodiesel. The development of a fuel quality standard will promote biodiesel quality in the market place, certainty for the biodiesel industry and consumer confidence in the product.

The discussion paper was intended to inform stakeholders about biodiesel and its use as a transport fuel. The discussion paper did not recommend limits for biodiesel parameters nor advocate the use of particular blends of biodiesel. Stakeholder comment was requested on a series of technical issues relevant to the development of the standard as well as issues relating to blending and labelling.

The formal public consultation period on the discussion paper closed on 23 May 2003. The forty submissions received have been taken into consideration by the Commonwealth in developing a proposed Australian biodiesel fuel quality standard. The proposed standard is available on the internet at:

<http://www.ea.gov.au/atmosphere/transport/biodiesel/proposed-standard.html>

This paper sets out the Commonwealth's currently preferred position on:

- a proposed Australian biodiesel fuel quality standard;
- biodiesel blends; and
- biodiesel labelling provisions.

The objective of this paper is to seek stakeholder comment on the Commonwealth's currently preferred position prior to setting the standard in legislation. This position paper will also briefly detail the links between the standard setting process and the recent Government budget announcements.

Written comments are requested on the Commonwealth position paper by no later than **noon Friday 15 August 2003** and should be sent to:

¹ *Setting National Fuel Quality Standards, Paper 6, National Standard for Biodiesel, March 2003*

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