

As an apprentice carpenter I drive a 1986 Toyota Hilux Diesel. I bought the vehicle because it not only suits my needs as a work vehicle but was also cheap to buy and is economical to run.

I am in no way ignorant to the damage burnt diesel fumes do the atmosphere with high concentrations of Carbon Monoxide, Carbon Dioxide, nitrogen and Sulphur. So imagine my glee when I was able to run my engine not only guilt free (with no CO emissions and half the CO2 emissions) but also able to save a few dollars. (This is a big plus on apprentice wages)

My ute is 22 years old and still runs perfectly, this is why people buy diesels, but it is well past it's manufacturers warranty. The ute still has many years service left but it's been a long time since I, or previous owners of the vehicle, have had even the slightest concern for the manufacturers warranty.

Now I learn that the Federal Government wishes to limit my use of this fuel, despite the current climate of green thinking in society, industry as well as within the governments own ranks.

Such moves will spell the death of a local industry with ample potential, but zero support.

It will also make it difficult to explain to business owners that, with the Carbon trading market looming, a sure fire method of reducing the businesses carbon output as well as give a local market a push along has been quashed by a Government keen on keeping large oil companies happy at the expense of the environment and local industry.

With the introduction of these limits to biodiesel the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts has painted all Diesel drivers with a broad stroke and paid no attention to those with older diesels who wish to encourage cleaner, greener energy use.

I hope that common sense prevails in this matter.

Kind Regards,