

To Whom it May Concern,

On Friday, 15th February, 2008 I became aware that the Australian Government had proposed new standards specifying the percentages of biodiesel that could be sold in Australia.

I would like to make a few comments about my observations of the report (which I downloaded from <http://www.environment.gov.au/atmosphere/fuelquality/publications/pubs/diesel-biodiesel-position-paper.pdf>)

and have these comments considered as part of the government's response to the position paper.

To start with it might be useful for you to have some understanding about my interest in the topic and why I would like to comment.

I am the owner of a motor vehicle with a diesel cycle engine (a 2003 Land Rover Discovery manual with Td5 engine). I am not involved with the fuel production or distribution industry in any way other than as a user of fuel. (I am employed by SEMA Group Pty Limited as a Communications and Unix Analyst).

My main interests in using biodiesel is to:

- (1) support local industry and growers
- (2) engage in a positive way towards reducing my personal contribution to global warming and environmental damage from the extraction and distribution of petro fuel

I have been using 100% biodiesel (B100) in my vehicle for some years now, almost since the first opening of the biodiesel station at Marrickville in Sydney some years ago.

My reading of the position paper leads me to be concerned that the government's position on the sale of biodiesel blends in excess of 5% may be curtailed, discouraged or even excluded.

This would be much worse than a very disappointing result. It would, I believe, be a disastrous result for biofuel in this country leading many consumers to doubt the appropriateness of the use of any biofuel blend.

It should remain legal to retail biodiesel blends in excess of 5% as long as the concentration or blending is not concealed from consumers and potential consumers. Consumers (like myself) need to remain free to choose high concentration biofuel if we so choose - all the way to 100% concentration.

I believe that wider retailing of biodiesel blends and B100 will in and of itself drive an aftermarket adaptation industry and place Australia in a much better position to meet lower CO2 emission treaties.

Please make it very clear in your final biodiesel/biofuel quality standard document that biodiesel blends in excess of 5% are permissible where disclosed.

Regards,