

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the Department of Environment and Heritage with comments concerning proposals to standardise the specification for Diesel and Biodiesel fuel blends in Australia.

MTAA does not have the internal capacity, however, to provide comments of a technical nature such as those canvassed in the discussion paper prepared by the Department and released in November 2006.

Nevertheless, MTAA has sought comments from its Member Bodies and has held some discussions with them on this matter. From this, it is apparent there are some valid concerns surrounding the adoption in the first instance of B20. As such, MTAA would support the view expressed by other commentators that Option 2 – B5 limit with a density waiver – be accorded preference. Further, that biodiesel blends of this sort be labelled as, “contains up to 5 percent biodiesel”.

Fundamentally, however, comments from MTAA Member Bodies suggest there to be a need for a standard to be in place, and for that standard to be effectively policed.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on these proposals.

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