

Response to the Commonwealth paper "Proposed Australian Biodiesel Fuel Quality Standard"

Department of Consumer and Employment Protection

Comments with regard to the proposed standards are;

It will be important to regulate the labelling provisions to ensure consumers are aware of;

1. Possible vehicle performance variations to currently available diesel;
2. Compatibility of pure or blended variants with reference to certain types of diesel powered vehicles;
3. Clear determination that the pump being utilised at the fuel distribution outlet is providing either pure or blended diesel (The paper does not specify if a similar distribution technique will be utilised at the bowser as is done with LRP and ULP fuels).

With regard to dispensing matters, WA seeks to ensure that the following questions are also considered regarding dispenser performance;

4. Are the characteristics of the fuel different, to the extent that the performance flow rates from the dispenser are affected? If so, does the dispenser need to be of a particular type or Pattern Approval to accommodate differences?
5. Has the National Standards Commission been considered for comment on this paper, with reference to dispensing instrument testing to ensure accurate measurement?