

## Comments on the Proposed Australian Biodiesel Fuel Quality Standard

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Australian Biodiesel Fuel Quality Standard. We note that most of the issues Mobil raised in our May submission on the discussion paper have been addressed in the latest proposal. Mobil offers the following comments on the proposed standard for Biodiesel:

The key area of concern is that it appears as though the proposed standard will not require a biodiesel/diesel blend to meet the national Diesel fuel standard which has been set for environmental and operability reasons. On page 7, the document states that the biodiesel portion must meet the Biodiesel Standard and the diesel portion must meet the Fuel Standard (Automotive Diesel) Determination 2001. The standard should explicitly state that biodiesel blends sold for automotive use must meet the Fuel Standard (Automotive Diesel) Determination 2001.

We note that The Dept of Environment and Heritage will conduct fuel quality tests on automotive diesel biodiesel blends to determine the impact of blending on both automotive diesel and biodiesel quality characteristics and determine if an amendment to the Fuel Standard (Automotive Diesel) Determination is appropriate. Before any changes are made, there needs to be consultation with the automotive manufacturers to ensure the proposed changes do not have an adverse effect on vehicle emissions and operability, and the revised Determination must apply to automotive diesel as well as biodiesel blends.

When testing biodiesel blends for compliance against the National Fuel standards, where test methods are specified in the Automotive Diesel standard, these should be used when testing blends.