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Dear Sir

In perusing the recent Issues paper regarding the upcoming inquiry into the price of *Unleaded* Petrol, I was somewhat alarmed to see the emphasis placed on Unleaded petrol at the potential exclusion of other petroleum related products such as Premium Unleaded, Diesel and High Octane petrols.

In reference to the Treasurer's Press Release of 15 June 2007, I note that there is no specificity made towards *Unleaded* Petrol, but that it in fact refers to Petrol pricing in general. As one well knows, the Unleaded market witnesses a *Discount* cycle which in fact is not extended to other related products such as Diesel and LPG. I consider this to be somewhat discriminatory and accordingly in fairness to consumers who rely upon such fuel sources, I would like to ensure that the upcoming enquiry was instructed to include an examination of the pricing policies of these derivative products.

One need only monitor the recent movements in the \$AUD and reference it with Diesel prices to note that there has been no evidence of impact on these prices. Indeed while I accept that prices in Europe are indeed at a marked premium compared to Australia, I did note the relativity between Unleaded petrol and Diesel pricing. In all cases seen within western europe, diesel prices were witnessed at a significant discount to the Unleaded price. This is obviously the reverse of the pricing relativities within Australia.

Like many interested parties, I would like to see this matter included as part of the Inquiry.

Yours Sincerely

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