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**To:** Petrol Price Inquiry  
**Subject:** petrol prices inquiry submission

Hi,

I'm Michelle and I'm profoundly deaf, and from Adelaide. I am putting a submission in for complaining about the petrol prices. I have seen a numerous amount of petrol companies hack up prices on Wednesdays by midday every week to \$1.33 - \$1.35 and quite frankly I am fed up with seeing this, and when they do come down by the end of the week/Monday, they're not much cheaper at \$1.24 - I feel they are consorting with each other and trying to compete off each other and rip us off. I believe we are being ripped off. We have grocery which is way overpriced so we aren't eating much because we have to spend a lot of money everyday to get to work, we have no choice!

Ok, I have been to Melbourne 5 times this year to visit my family (flew or bussed it over - not driving!!!) and I have seen the prices are a bit lower in Melb than in Adelaide. Melb have been seen to have \$1.19 at the weekend and then a couple of days later when it is still low price time, I see Adelaide's prices are higher than Melb at \$1.24. Its not fair! I believe companies are ripping us off of OUR petrol. I do not know how they somehow got hold of OUR petrol, Australian petrol, our country's petrol and they are charging us a heap of rip off for our petrol. I strongly believe the petrol is really only worth .98cents a litre MAXIMUM!!! I refuse to buy petrol anymore and have resorted to using gas - which gets used up A LOT more quicker than petrol and the car doesn't run so well on gas as it should - and I use gas when they haven't hacked up the prices for gas too which they have been lately, so its a lose-lose situation. Also I need to mention a very important point. Most of the petrol companies sell crap petrol to us, 2nd rate crap that ruins the car's petrol tank and makes the car shake!! This has happened to my car so many times! I am very very angry about this and I want the companies to be put in jail now! And I want a lot of our money back.

I want them to stop making billion dollar profits. What makes the bastard who thinks he can rack up prices think he is more important than the rest of Australia that he should have all the money????? What about us who have to struggle on dwindling funds because our so-called government has put I.R. Laws in place, leading to the loss of jobs, hours cut (this in MY CASE hours have been cut badly!) and loss of penalty rates and our rights, and when we have to buy food to survive on, how the hell are we supposed to pay for petrol to get to work and survive without food so then we can't function properly at work due to starvation thus leading to unpaid sick days and LESS money!!!!?? The petrol companies need a good BIG WHACK on the head with a large hammer and made to grow up and charge us reasonable rates or else we will stop buying from them. 98 cents!! 98 cents!! 98 cents!! 98 cents or lower!!!! Petrol companies, get your heads read! That's how much our petrol is really worth and should stay that way for good! They are NOT the only people in this world, so they shouldn't be taking all of our money at billions. From me, tell them this profiteering and stupid goal aiming (and jacking up goal aims each time) has to STOP! I won't, and neither will the rest of Australia, put up with this crap from greedy petrol companies (or grocery supermarkets - u should put in an inquiry for this and make them lower the prices dramatically too!) I think the current petrol prices are a BIG laughing stock and an embarrassment to us!

Warm regards,  
Michelle Destefano

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