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To: Petrol Price Inquiry

Hello. The main problem I find with Gas and petrol is that it can be one price at one service station and anywhere up to 10c more at another. We have bought a gas car and for example our local BP in Carrum downs has gas at 49.9c the Safeway petrol has it at 47.9, the budget service station a bit further away has gas for 42.9 but then you head further away and the price is 52.9. How can there be a 7-10c difference for different service stations and I know the same happens for petrol. It seems to me that there is absolutely no regulation regarding pricing and they feel that they can charge whatever they like. It also seems to me that it depends on where the servo is as to what is charged. The service stations at busy intersections or anywhere near the freeway always seem to be way higher than anywhere else. It doesn't seem right to me that they can charge whatever they please whenever they please. Obviously companies need to make a profit and I have no problems with that, it is the amount of greediness and HUGE profits that these companies make at the publics expense that I take exception to. I understand that petrol is the main issue as the prices are ridiculous but please lets not forget gas as well, I have not had my car 2 yrs yet and gas has also doubled in price since I bought it. It is worth noting that if the price of petrol drops for any reason they gouge you in the gas price. Gas ALWAYS goes up when petrol goes down, it is like if they can't get you with the price of petrol, then they up the gas price and get you there instead. I am sure that the companies are also aware of the increased number of cars converting to gas so they figure why not push that up as well..

Anyway that's my view.

Thanks,

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