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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

The Labor Party's attack on John Anderson's support of the ethanol industry is not only uncalled for but does not make sense.

The fact that the Government is looking at the removal of excise from home grown fuel with all the benefits to the environment and agricultural communities should be applauded.

If we are serious about insulating Australia from future oil shocks we should get serious about ethanol and other bio fuels.

To say that the removal of a tax is in some way a subsidy shows how corrupted the economic language has become.

Australian farmers are constantly told that they must compete on global markets. Those markets don't include domestic fuel excise.

John Anderson and I may disagree on some issues but not on this one. The Labor Party should take the time to investigate the enormous impact ethanol production can have on country Australia.

Yours sincerely

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