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Nationals fail to support ethanol mandate

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has today accused the National Party of gross hypocrisy in their failure to support his call to prioritise debate on the mandating of ethanol in petrol.

“The National Party today has once again shown that it doesn’t have the spine to truly represent country Australians when they voted not to support even debating let alone agreeing to legislate the inclusion of 10% ethanol in our petrol.

The National Party has made much rhetoric of their support for the ethanol industry but is so much a captive of their Liberal masters and big oil companies that they couldn’t even stand up to debate this vitally important piece of legislation.

The National Party not only holds the balance of power in the Senate through their Queensland Senator Barnaby Joyce who continues to say the mandating of ethanol was one of his four pillars he stood for at the last election, but the National Party also hold the balance of power in the House of Representatives.

With all the noise that the National Party has been making about ethanol in petrol out in their electorates and in the media, they have failed at the first attempt to act.

Again, like all their talk on Telstra, the National Party is showing itself of not being worthy of representing country Australians and should be replaced by people who will,” Mr Windsor said.

Motion moved follows on page 2

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The Motion moved by Mr Windsor was as follows:

I move that so much of the standing and sessional orders be suspended as would prevent the Member for New England from moving the following motion forthwith

That this House:

- 1 bring forward the debate on Private Members Bill - **Fuel Quality Standards (Ethanol content) Amendment Bill 2005**
- 2 acknowledges the skyrocketing fuel prices across the nation
- 3 recognises the lowest fuel price in Australia is at Mount Warren Park which has 85% of its petrol sales being E10
- 4 acknowledges the health issues being impacted on by current makeup of petrol in Australia and recognises the Australian Medical Association's call for a 10% mandate for health and environmental purposes
- 5 acknowledges the value of mandating ethanol in petrol to alleviating some of these health and environmental problems
- 6 acknowledges the cost of investment opportunity lost through the continued delay in the process of giving security and direction to proponents of the ethanol industry
- 7 acknowledges the value of the development of the ethanol industry to the economies of rural and regional communities as well as the national economy
- 8 acknowledges the time being eaten into the excise exemption period granted by this place to encourage investors in new ethanol projects
- 9 acknowledges that the Federal Government already mandates the make up of petrol through its removal of lead from petrol and the reduction of sulphur in diesel and therefore can mandate the inclusion of ethanol in petrol
- 10 acknowledges that through the scaling up of the inclusion of ethanol in petrol that the developing ethanol industry will be able to supply the Australian domestic market needs without the need for importing ethanol from overseas
- 11 recognises that the Renewable Energy Target put in place by the Government in 2001 have not and will not be achieved by voluntary renewable energy targets