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First Ethanol Taskforce meeting

The first meeting of the NSW E10 Taskforce will be held on October 11 to start its investigations into the mandating of 10% ethanol in petrol in New South Wales.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor is delighted to have been appointed to the NSW Government's Taskforce.

"The E10 Taskforce is a real opportunity to have input into what I see as being an essential move towards developing Australia's alternative energy production which will not only have a financial benefit in reducing our dependence on Middle East oil, but will also have environmental and health benefits to the community.

We can grow our own energy and clean up our air and at the same time help the economy of our regional communities," Mr Windsor said.

The Taskforce will be chaired by Mr Col Gellatley, Director General NSW Premiers Department and as well as Mr Windsor it includes

Dr John Keniry – Chair Ridley Corporation (Former Chair Prime Minister's Biofuel Taskforce)
Dr Brian Fisher – Agriculture Economist
Dr Paul Martin – Director, Australian Centre for Agriculture and Law – UNE
Mr Alan Evans – President NRMA

Whilst Mr Windsor would like to see nationally mandated ethanol content in petrol, his recent experience in the United States shows that the States led the way to having ethanol mandated there.

"It would be much easier to have the Federal Government pass legislation to mandate ethanol in petrol but they appear reluctant not to do so.

I therefore applaud the NSW Government's action in establishing the E10 Taskforce and when combined with the action of the Queensland and hopefully other State Governments it will achieve the same objective.

My recent study tour of the United States on this issue showed that it was the States that successfully led the way to mandating ethanol in petrol and I look forward to a similar result in Australia," Mr Windsor said.

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