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NSW Ethanol Taskforce meets again Wednesday

The next meeting of the NSW E10 Taskforce will be held this Wednesday December 13 to continue its investigations into the mandating of 10% ethanol in petrol in New South Wales.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor, a member of the Taskforce is pleased that the second meeting of the Taskforce is being held before the Christmas break.

“The work being done by the NSW E10 Taskforce is of an urgent nature to bring about a mandated use of ethanol in petrol in New South Wales as soon as possible.

“Queensland is moving forward quickly with its proposed mandate to bring in 5 percent ethanol use in fuel and NSW and other States need to keep up the momentum particularly as there is no Federal Government commitment to bring in a national mandate,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor is also pleased to see that the Queensland Government has moved to fast track the Primary Energy Project in Queensland.

“I see that Primary Energy – the same company that is behind the Gunnedah ethanol plant - has had its bio-refinery project declared a ‘significant project’ by the Queensland Government which will see its assessment process fast tracked.

Queensland has set a 225ML per year requirement for ethanol with the Primary Energy plant being able to produce over 70% of this figure and at the same time create about 300 jobs during construction of the \$150m project and 50 ongoing jobs after it commences production.

I will certainly be encouraging the NSW Government through its E10 Taskforce to look closely at what Queensland has done and provide similar support to the Primary Energy project proposed for Gunnedah,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that this meeting of the Taskforce will look at submissions received and talking with industry representatives.

“Whilst this is only our second meeting of the E10 Taskforce, it is moving quickly, receiving submissions and taking presentations from industry representatives.

All this is very necessary to get it right but still do it in a short time frame,” Mr Windsor said.

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