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Dear Mr Hanson

Decision Regulatory Impact Statement: Fuel Price Reporting

Thank you for your initial enquiry of 2 October 2018, and further information provided 5 October 2018, seeking advice on the adequacy of the 'Fuel Price Reporting Decision Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)'.

Release of the Consultation RIS

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (the Department) released a Consultation RIS in August 2018, seeking stakeholder views on the proposed fuel price reporting trial. The trial will involve all fuel retailers (or their appointed thirty party agent) in Queensland reporting fuel prices to an aggregator who will make the data available to consumer facing comparison services and other users.

The Consultation RIS was open for comment for a period of four weeks and nine submissions were received. The Department notes that stakeholders generally supported the proposed scheme but concerns were raised about certain elements.

Preparation of the Decision RIS

Following consultation, the Department maintained its recommended policy option (Option C), which has two elements:

- require all fuel retailers to publish price information
- an aggregator (external to government) will aggregate this data, validate it for accuracy and make it available through an application programming interface (API) to consumer-facing comparison services and other users.

However, to address some concerns raised in stakeholder submissions, the Department has amended the recommended option to:

- require information on usage of the fuel price data to be provided to the Queensland Government (rather than the aggregator) to inform an evaluation of the impacts of the two year trial
- no longer require confirmation of fuel price every 24 hours. The Department notes confirmation of when a price does not change in a 24 hour period will be better achieved by administrative means



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- clarify that only data concerning fuel price and availability, and site contact details such as location and trading hours will be published. Contact details for the primary contact person for the site are for the aggregator and government administration, communication and compliance purposes only.

The Queensland Productivity Commission (the Commission) has assessed the Department's RIS and considers it adequately presents the results of consultation and details what regulatory proposals have been amended following stakeholder responses. Given this, the Commission considers the Decision RIS is adequate to support the decision maker's consideration of the proposal.

Consistent with the Queensland Government Guide to Better Regulation (the Guidelines) the final Decision RIS and this letter of adequacy will be published on the Commission's website following approval of the RIS release.

Please contact Dominic O'Neill, Senior Analyst, on (07) 3015 5164 should you require any additional information or guidance in relation to the above comments or the Guidelines in general.

Yours sincerely



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