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NZHRA Biofuels Mandate Submission

The New Zealand Hot Rod Association Inc. represents 4000 members, 110 clubs with an excess of 8000 hot rods, street machines, classic and historic vehicles. Most currently rely on 91-95 + octane petrol.

Compatible biofuels are currently not widely available in New Zealand thus we need assurances that current fuel supplies are maintained until suitable biofuels are produced or imported into New Zealand. Current biofuels are not compatible with these older carburettor, naturally aspirated engines. Current biofuels are particularly corrosive to metal and rubber components (reliability).

We have serious concerns as to the availability of supplies for our membership to continue the use and enjoyment of their vehicles. Aside from the impact of our passion to drive and maintain our history, your current biofuel mandate also impacts on a very large portion of the New Zealand vehicle fleet – including commercial trucking, forestry, farming, aviation, boating, motorbikes and car racing to name a few.

We believe the full mandate requires significantly more time to fully address all the questions you have suggested/answer in the mandate.

You currently don't appear to have any contingency plans to accommodate other than leaving it for the fuel/energy companies to plan for, of which they will only do what is economical or profitable.

We ask that our submission be considered to maintain a continued availability of access to mineral fuels and or a suitable sustainable biofuel is made available in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

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Withheld under section 9(2)(a)

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