# Options for improving our diesel resilience

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on the options for domestic diesel reserves.

Please provide your feedback by **5pm, 6 December 2024.**

When completing this submission form, please provide comments and supporting explanations for your reasoning where relevant. Your feedback provides valuable information and informs decisions about the proposals.

We appreciate your time and effort taken to respond to this consultation.

# Instructions

**To make a submission you will need to:**

1. Fill out your name, email address, phone number and organisation. If you are representing an organisation, please provide a brief description of your organisation and its aims, and ensure you have the authority to represent its views.
2. Fill out your responses to the discussion document questions. You can answer any or all of these questions in the discussion document.

[Have your say – Options for improving our diesel resilience](https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/options-for-improving-our-diesel-resilience)

Where possible, please provide us with evidence to support your views. Examples can include references to independent research or facts and figures.

1. If your submission has any confidential information:
2. Please state this in the email accompanying your submission, and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld and the grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (Official Information Act) that you believe apply. MBIE will take such declarations into account and will consult with submitters when responding to requests under the Official Information Act.
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4. Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and may, therefore, be released in part or full. The Privacy Act 1993 also applies.
5. Submit your feedback:
6. As a Microsoft Word document by email to **gasfuelpolicy@mbie.govt.nz** with the subject line:*Diesel reserve consultation*
7. By mailing your submission to:

Gas and Fuel Policy  
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment  
PO Box 1473, Wellington 6140  
New Zealand

# Submitter information

MBIE would appreciate if you would provide some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the section below, it will be used to help MBIE understand how different sectors view the options for domestic diesel reserves. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

**Your name, email address, phone number and organisation**

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**Options for improving our diesel resilience**

1. Do you agree with this characterisation of the status quo? If not, please provide evidence to support your views.

Yes  Yes, with changes  No Not sure/No preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you agree with our problem definition? If you don’t, what would you suggest changing?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Have we identified the correct objectives?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Is 28 days’ cover the right level? Should we have more or less? Why?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Are there any other options that we have not considered?

Yes  No  Not sure

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. There is a trade-off between cost impact and timing. Options that have a higher cost impact are quicker. Do you prefer an option that is fast but more costly or slow and cheaper? Can you explain your answer?

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. There are risks to New Zealand if we experience a severe and sustained supply disruption. Do you agree that doing nothing isn’t acceptable? If you prefer this option, please tell us why.

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. If we increased the minimum stockholding obligation (**MSO**) for diesel to 28 days, how can we maintain competition in the fuel industry?

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you have any information on how much an increased MSO for diesel could cost consumers? Please provide details and explain how any estimates have been arrived at (if applicable).

Yes  No

Please provide details and explain if possible.

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| [insert response here] |

1. How quickly could fuel importers meet an increased MSO? What could be done to get diesel in tanks earlier than 2026?

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. We have assumed that fuel importers will begin planning for an increased MSO as soon as it is announced, rather than wait until regulations are made. Is this a fair assumption?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you have a preference about whether the government uses Levy funding or general taxation if this option was adopted?

Levy funding  General taxation  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Given the government has already done work on procuring storage, is this timeframe realistic? What could we do to speed it up?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you think the government should provide fuel importers with financial support to help alleviate flow on costs to consumers? Why or why not?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. In your opinion, what kind of financial support would be appropriate?

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. What proportion of government funding would noticeably reduce an increase to fuel prices?

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Should the government recover the cost of financial support through raising levy from fuel consumers?

Yes, I agree  I agree in part  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you have a preferred option? Why?

Yes  No  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. Do you have a preference for how quickly we implement increasing our diesel reserves?

Yes  No, I don’t agree  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |

1. If we increase the MSO for diesel, would you prefer a staggered approach? If you are a fuel importer, would this make a difference to how you invest in additional storage?

Yes  No  Not sure/no preference

Please explain your views.

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| [insert response here] |