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Dear Mr Lange

### **Fuel Quality RIS – Addendum regarding ultra-low sulfur limits in Australian petrol**

I am writing to submit the Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) addendum to the 2018 [Better fuel for cleaner air - Regulation impact statement](#) (2018 RIS). This addendum relates to the introduction of stricter sulfur limits of 10 parts per million (ultra-low sulfur petrol) under the *Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000*.

The attached RIS addendum provides up-to-date information about the regulatory impact and implementation timing for ultra-low sulfur petrol, which has now been re-aligned to December 2025.

Adjusting the commencement of ultra-low sulfur petrol is required due to unavoidable delays faced by the fuel industry in completing infrastructure upgrades, which are necessary to enable supply of ultra-low sulfur petrol and maintain Australia's fuel security.

As noted in the addendum, the 2018 RIS quantified the net benefit and regulatory burden for a range of implementation dates between 2022 and 2027, and all dates tested within this range in the cost-benefit analysis (CBA) yielded a positive net present value (NPV). A 2025 implementation provided a NPV of \$428.7 million to 2040. The CBA in the 2018 RIS remains accurate. As such, no additional quantitative analysis was prepared as part of this addendum.

I note that the addendum will be published alongside the RIS on the OIA website.

Yours sincerely

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