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The Honourable Mark Bailey

Palaszczuk Government's biofuels mandate on track

A new guideline which gives small fuel businesses – mostly in regional Queensland – an exemption under the Palaszczuk Government's biofuels mandate has been tabled in Parliament.

Biofuels Minister Mark Bailey said the threshold, which aims to drive growth of the biofuels industry and jobs in regional areas while fast-tracking the development of a clean energy economy, is the right balance.

"The Queensland biofuels mandate will play a key role in Queensland's move to a clean energy economy and that it was important to protect our smaller fuel businesses," he said.

"The threshold means that 93 per cent of all regular unleaded petrol sales in Queensland will continue to be captured by the mandate, but that smaller businesses, who don't sell much petrol will not need to comply.

"More than half of those smaller businesses are expected to be located in rural and regional Queensland.

"The introduction of the biofuels mandate from 1 January 2017 will require Queensland's fuel industry to meet targets for the sales of biobased petrol such as E10 and biobased diesel."

Mr Bailey said following extensive industry consultation, the ethanol component of the

mandate will only apply to fuel retailers who sell more than 500,000 litres of petrol at a site each calendar quarter or who own 10 or more sites.

“This change will not lead to a significant decrease in the amount of fuel sales captured by the biofuels mandate, and therefore potential ethanol sales,” he said.

“By doing this we are protecting the continued development of our biofuels industry while simultaneously protecting our small businesses - and the jobs that come with them.

“The exemption guideline also provides clarity and certainty for industry by explaining some of the scenarios in which an exemption application might be approved, consistent with the legislative framework”.

“Queensland is driving the nation’s biofuels industry, and as we move to a sustainable renewable future, the biofuels mandate will provide certainty to ensure the biofuels industry can invest, innovate and grow.”

The new guidelines will be available on the Department of Energy and Water Supply website on Monday.

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