1. Queensland’s 4 percent biobased petrol mandate has been in place since 1 January 2017. The sales share of ethanol fuels has almost doubled to 2.9 percent in 2023, up from 1.5 percent in 2016 before the mandates commenced, and having reached 3 percent in late 2019 before the impacts of COVID‑19.
2. In practice almost 3 in 10 motorists are choosing E10 fuel instead of regular unleaded petrol without ethanol. This success was driven by the mandate, with fuel retailers investing in about 860 sites now selling E10, which is more than double the 343 sites selling E10 in 2016 before the mandates commenced. It is Queensland Government policy that motorists have the choice of buying regular unleaded petrol with or without ethanol.
3. The Member for Hinchinbrook of Katter’s Australian Party introduced a private member’s Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022 into the Legislative Assembly on 13 October 2022. The Bill seeks to amend the biobased petrol mandate legislation through two key changes:
	* doubling existing maximum penalties that may be imposed by a court for retailers that fail to sell the minimum amount of biobased petrol
	* prescribing that blended petrol (such as E10) be at least 9 percent biobased petrol.
4. The Parliamentary Transport and Resources Committee undertook an inquiry into the Private Member’s Bill. The parliamentary committee made two recommendations in its report on the Bill:
	* Recommendation 1: “The committee recommends the Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022 not be passed.”
	* Recommendation 2: “The Minister consider promoting strategies to improve consumer confidence in fuels manufactured using renewable energy sources.”
5. The Queensland Government response supports the recommendations of the Committee Report.
6. Cabinet noted the Transport and Resources Committee Report No. 32, 57th Parliament, April 2023, Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022.
7. Cabinet approved the Government’s response to the Transport and Resources Committee Report No. 32 and that the Government Response be tabled in the Legislative Assembly.
8. *Attachments*:
* [Queensland Government Response to Transport and Resources Committee Report No. 32, 57th Parliament, April 2023, Liquid Fuel Supply (Minimum Biobased Petrol Content) Amendment Bill 2022](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared%20Documents/General/Proactive%20Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Jul/PMBBiobasedPet/Attachments/Response.PDF)
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