

BIOFUEL MANDATE: Gull welcomes new proposed biofuel mandate with submission

Gull New Zealand is submitting its response to the proposed law change and agrees that New Zealand needs to take urgent action now by introducing a sustainable biofuels mandate, which will immediately reduce Green House Gas greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the country's transport sector.

“A sensible approach to reduce carbon emissions from everyone's everyday life, without having to wait years to buy a new car or for the light rail or bus lane to be built.” Dave Bodger, General Manager for Gull New Zealand. “Sustainable biofuels can be blended into everyday petrol and diesel people buy at their servo and this reduces carbon or GHG emissions from the next time we start our car and then each time after that. We can act now without the expense of buying a new car or waiting years for new technology to be available. ”

Bodger also notes the Climate Change Commission's proposal for changing New Zealand's fleet to electric vehicles has significant merit in the long term, but it will take some time to achieve, and therefore sometime before there is any meaningful reductions in carbon emissions from the fleet change.

“Gull has been producing and using biofuels for the last 14 years as a part of reducing transport emissions. We were the first to introduce biofuels and making the widespread use of biofuels across New Zealand's service station network would mean an immediate decrease in greenhouse gases using Kiwis' existing vehicles without having to wait many years before everyone can afford an EV,” states Bodger.

A government sustainable biofuels mandate will make the widespread use of biofuels possible to reduce Aotearoa's transport greenhouse gases.

“New Zealand needs a government mandate because biofuels are significantly more expensive than any imported mineral fuel, therefore no consumers will use them without subsidy or an effective mandate or both. This will encourage other fuel companies to invest in the technology to produce biofuels and provide them to the existing fleet right now. Really important for the country to move on biofuels now, as this mandate can make an immediate big difference to our everyday emissions from our existing vehicles.”

Details on the proposed mandate: www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/increasing-the-use-of-sustainable-biofuels-in-aotearoa-new-zealand

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