## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Michael Pettersson MLA: I give notice that I shall move – That this Assembly:

- 1) notes:
  - a) in 2019, a Select Committee on Fuel Pricing was established to conduct an Inquiry on ACT Fuel Pricing. In their final report, the Select Committee recommended that the ACT Government initiate a real-time, mandatory price monitoring scheme similar to the FuelCheck scheme operating in NSW.
  - b) on 4 November 2022, real time fuel pricing was made available to Canberrans via the NSW FuelCheck scheme for an initial six-month pilot. The NSW FuelCheck tool gives power to the consumer to make educated and informed decisions on how and where they spend their money. It provides transparency to the ACT fuel market and allows users to easily search the best option for them based on their vehicle needs.
    - i. sixty-one of the sixty-two fuel service stations in the ACT have signed up to participate in the pilot.
    - ii. the pilot is set to expire imminently.
- 2) further notes:
  - a) average retail fuel prices in Canberra are now on par with other major capital cities.
    - i. the ACCC's Petrol Quarterly Report of December 2022 found that for the December quarter of 2022, Canberra's average retail fuel price was 185.3 cents per litre, only marginally higher than Sydney at 184.6 cents per litre and Melbourne at 185.2 centres per litre.
    - ii. in March 2019, six months before the Select Committee handed down their final report, the ACCC reported that Canberrans were paying, on average, 16.1 cents per litre more than Sydneysiders and 11.6 cents per litre more than Melburnians.
- 3) calls on the ACT Government to:

- a) extend the pilot of the NSW FuelCheck scheme; and
- b) continue monitoring the price of fuel in the ACT to ensure prices remain fair and comparative to other capital cities.

Michael Pettersson MLA

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