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Minister	Hon Shane Jones	Portfolio	Energy
Title of Cabinet paper	Release of the Review of the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011 Discussion Document	Date to be published	31 March 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
February 2025	Release of the Review of the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011 Discussion Document	<i>Office of the Associate Minister of Energy</i>
11 Feb 2025	EXP-25-MIN-0002 Minute	<i>Cabinet Office</i>

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Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee

Minute of Decision

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Review of the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011: Release of Discussion Document

Portfolio **Associate Energy**

On 11 February 2025, the Cabinet Expenditure and Regulatory Review Committee:

- 1 **noted** that:
 - 1.1 the Engine Fuel Specification Regulations 2011 (the Regulations) set standards for engine fuel quality in New Zealand;
 - 1.2 the Regulations are out of date, and risk damage to new vehicles that require cleaner fuel to operate;
- 2 **noted** the discussion document entitled *Review of the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011* (the discussion document), attached under EXP-25-SUB-0002;
- 3 **noted** that one of the proposals in the discussion document is to reduce the maximum allowable aromatic levels of petrol, which would reduce the risks of engine damage and noxious emissions, but may increase the price of premium petrol (0.2 to 0.5 cents per litre for 95 grade, and about 3 cents per litre for 98 grade);
- 4 **noted** that the discussion document also proposes a new specification for renewable diesel;
- 5 **approved** the release of the discussion document for public consultation;
- 6 **authorised** the Associate Minister for Energy to make minor amendments and refinements to the discussion document before it is released;
- 7 **invited** the Associate Minister for Energy to report back to the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee on the outcome of the consultation and on final proposals in mid-2025.

Sam Moffett
Committee Secretary

(see over for attendance)

Present:

Hon David Seymour (Chair)
Hon Simeon Brown
Hon Erica Stanford
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Judith Collins KC
Hon Mark Mitchell
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Brooke van Velden
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Casey Costello
Hon Penny Simmonds
Hon Andrew Bayly
Hon Andrew Hoggard

Officials present from:

Office of the Prime Minister
Officials Committee for EXP