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Minister	Hon Shane Jones	Portfolio	Associate Energy
Title of Cabinet paper	Updating the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011 Renewable diesel and other fuel specification changes	Date to be published	21 November 2025

List of documents that have been proactively released		
Date	Title	Author
August 2025	Updating the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011	Office of the Associate Minister for Energy
4 August 2025	Updating the Engine Fuel Specifications Regulations 2011 CAB-25-MIN-0261 Minute	Cabinet Office
October 2025	Renewable diesel and other fuel specification changes	Office of the Associate Minister for Energy
15 October 2025	Renewable diesel and other fuel specification changes ECO-25-MIN-0165 Minute	Cabinet Office

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Cabinet Economic Policy Committee

Minute of Decision

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Renewable Diesel and Other Fuel Specification Changes

Portfolio **Associate Energy**

On 15 October 2025, the Cabinet Economic Policy Committee:

- 1 **noted** that the Engine Fuel Specification Regulations 2011 (the Regulations) set standards for engine fuel quality in New Zealand, and that these Regulations are not fully compatible with modern vehicle standards;
- 2 **noted** that public consultation on proposals to update the Regulations took place between February and April 2025 [EXP-25-MIN-0002];
- 3 **agreed** to amend the Regulations, in accordance with the changes set out in Annex 1 under ECO-25-SUB-0165;
- 4 **noted** that the Associate Minister for Energy intends to undertake further consultation and will report back to Cabinet by December 2026 on the maximum allowable aromatics level for petrol, which is currently higher than that recommended under the Euro 6d vehicle standard;
- 5 **agreed** that, for consistency with the Regulations, Customs and the Ministry for the Environment will engage with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment to review the fuel classifications in Excise and Excise-equivalent Duties Table, Working Tariff Document of New Zealand, and the Climate Change (Liquid Fossil Fuels) Regulations 2008;
- 6 **authorised** the Associate Minister for Energy to make further policy decisions consistent with the policy in the paper under ECO-25-SUB-0165;
- 7 **invited** the Associate Minister for Energy to issue drafting instructions to the Parliamentary Counsel Office to give effect to the decisions above.

Rachel Clarke
Committee Secretary

Present: (see over)

Present:

Hon David Seymour
Rt Hon Winston Peters
Hon Shane Jones
Hon Paul Goldsmith (Chair)
Hon Louise Upston
Hon Todd McClay
Hon Tama Potaka
Hon Simon Watts
Hon Chris Penk
Hon Andrew Hoggard
Hon Mark Patterson
Hon James Meager
Hon Scott Simpson
Simon Court MP

Officials present from:

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Officials Committee for ECO