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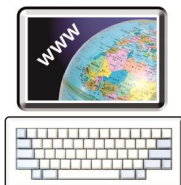
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About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is from the **Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment**.



The **Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment** is a government agency that does many things to support the **economy** of Aotearoa New Zealand.



The **economy** means all the things we do to:

- make money
- spend money
- save money to use later.



In this Easy Read the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment will be called **MBIE**.



This Easy Read is about the Government plan if fuel becomes harder to get.

Why has the fuel plan been made?



The price of fuel has gone up.



Fuel means things we use for energy like:

- petrol
- diesel
- jet fuel that runs aeroplanes.



This is because of the war / fighting in the **Middle East**.



The **Middle East** is part of the world where a lot of fuel comes from.



Fuel is important for everyday life.



Fuel supports people to get to:

- work
- school
- appointments like going to the doctor.



Fuel is part of running:



- hospitals
- ambulances
- fire engines.



Fuel supports the delivery of important things like food.



The Government has made the plan so New Zealand is ready for if fuel is harder to get.

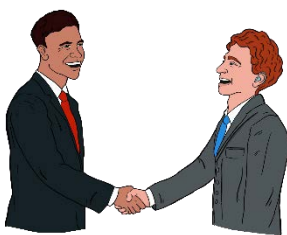


The plan has 4 **phases**.

Here **phase** means a time when we need to follow different rules about using fuel.



A group of **Ministers** will decide when to move between each phase.



A **Minister** is an important person who is part of the Government.

They are in charge of something the Government does like:

- business
- transport.





The Ministers will think about things like:

- how much fuel New Zealand has
- if fuel that is coming to New Zealand is:



- delayed / slow
- cancelled / not coming



- what fuel companies are saying
- what is happening in other countries

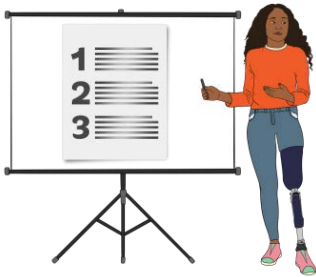


- if some places in New Zealand are having a harder time than others with fuel problems.



The Ministers will:

- tell the public what they decide
and
- explain why they made the decision.



Phase 1: Watchful



What is happening in Phase 1?

In Phase 1:

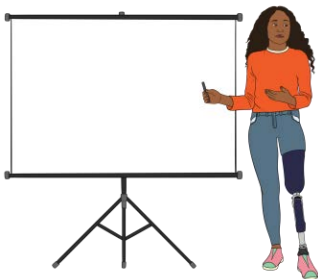
- fuel is available in New Zealand
- there is enough fuel for everyone
- fuel prices are higher because of changes happening overseas / in other countries
- the Government is:
 - watching what is happening
 - **and**
 - getting ready in case things change.

What will the Government do in Phase 1?



The Government will:

- keep checking:
 - how much fuel New Zealand has
 - what fuel shipments are coming to New Zealand
 - what is happening in other countries
- share fuel updates with New Zealanders
- watch what is going on with fuel by working with:
 - fuel companies
 - other countries.





The Government will also:

- get government agencies ready to use less fuel if they need to
- make short-term rule changes where it helps
- make plans to:
 - build up fuel supplies
 - be ready if there are problems with fuel supplies
- ask people for feedback on things they can do including rule changes
- give people tips / ideas on how to save:
 - fuel
 - money spent on fuel.



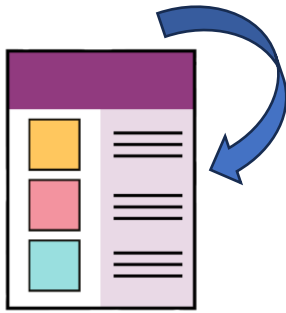


What you can do in Phase 1

During Phase 1:



- you can buy fuel as you normally do
- look at information about saving fuel on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority / EECA website
- think about ways to save fuel
- check the MBIE website for updates / information.



Check **page 21** for information on the:

- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority / EECA website
- MBIE website.



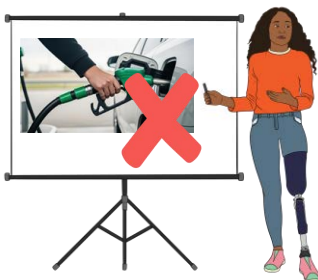
Phase 2: Precautionary



What is happening in Phase 2?

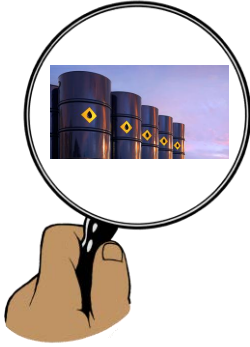
In Phase 2:

- there are some problems with fuel
- fuel deliveries to New Zealand might be delayed / slow
- the government will do extra things to protect the fuel we have
- the Government will ask people to use less fuel if they can.



What will the Government do in Phase 2?

The Government will:



- keep checking:
 - how much fuel New Zealand has
 - what fuel shipments are coming to New Zealand
 - what is happening in other countries
- share fuel updates with New Zealanders
- work with:
 - fuel companies
 - fuel importers / people who bring fuel into the country
 - groups that use a lot of fuel.



The Government will also:

- work with fuel companies to make sure fuel gets to the right places
- work with other countries to make sure fuel gets to New Zealand
- use less fuel in the **public sector**
- make short-term rule changes where it helps
- give more advice / information to New Zealanders on how to save more fuel.

The **public sector** is groups of people who do work connected to the Government like government agencies.

What you can do in Phase 2



In Phase 2:

- do lots of things in 1 trip like:
 - going to the supermarket
 - picking up children
 - do lots of appointments at the same time



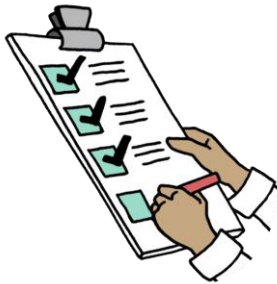
- use public transport like buses if you can

- follow fuel saving advice / information from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority / EECA



- check the MBIE website for updates / information.

Phase 3: Managed



What is happening in Phase 3?

In Phase 3:

- there are more problems getting fuel which may last for a long time
- more things need to be done to manage fuel supply.

This phase probably will not happen.

What will the Government do in Phase 3?



The Government will:

- keep using less fuel in the public sector
- change rules to stop problems from getting worse
- use **fuel reserves** if needed
- work with people who use a lot of fuel like businesses to make plans to use less fuel
- come up with ways to support people to use less fuel like increasing public transport
- keep looking at what is going on
- go back to Phase 2 as quickly as possible.





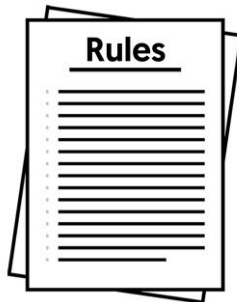
Fuel reserves mean fuel that has been stocked up to use later.

What you can do in Phase 3



In Phase 3 you can:

- fill up your vehicle / car only when needed
- follow any new rules
- follow fuel saving advice / information from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority / EECA



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Phase 4: Protected



What is happening in Phase 4?

In Phase 4:

- there is not very much fuel
- not having fuel might last for a long time
- lots of work will be done to keep the most important services running.



This phase probably will not happen.

What will the Government do in Phase 4?

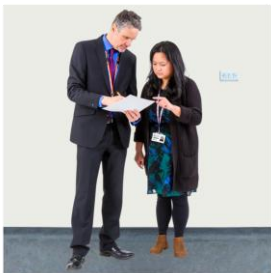


The Government will make sure there is always fuel for the most important services like:



- life-saving services like hospitals
- disability support services
- banks
- schools
- marae
- public transport
- looking after animals
- social services.

The Government will also:



- make sure less fuel is used by:
 - businesses
 - freight companies
 - community groups
- put a limit on how much fuel people can buy at petrol stations
- do spot checks to make sure people are following the rules
- do penalties / fines if people are not following the rules
- think about stronger rules to help save fuel
- go back to another phase as soon as possible.

What you can do in Phase 4



In Phase 4 you can:

- know important services will get the fuel they need

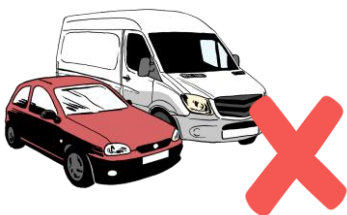


- know that food supplies will get around the country



- follow any new rules like how much fuel you can:

- buy
- use

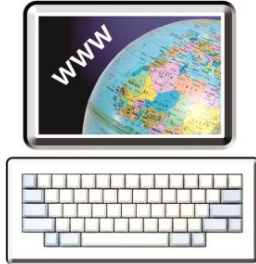


- not use fuel when you do not need to



- use the rules made for petrol stations.

Where to get more information

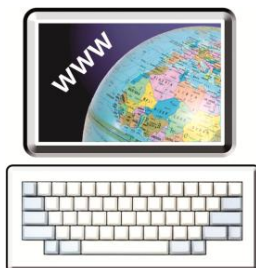


You can look at information about saving fuel from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority / EECA at this **website**:

<https://www.eeca.govt.nz/fuel/>



Some of the information on this website is in Easy Read.



In Phase 1 you can check the MBIE **website** for updates / information:

<https://mbie.govt.nz/fuel>



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