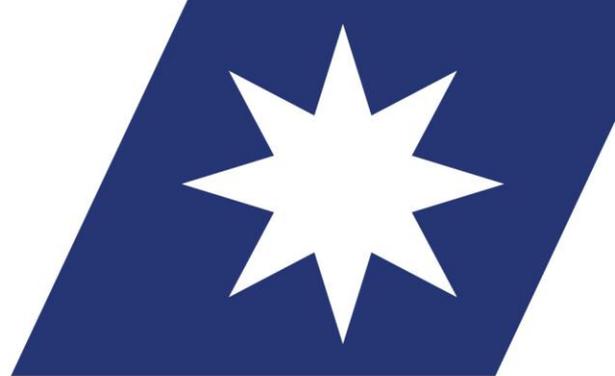


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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **No, no ScoMo, fuel security should start at home**

KAP Federal Member for Kennedy Bob Katter has launched a scathing tirade at Australia's leadership after learning that the Morrison Government has entered discussions with the Trump administration over Australia's worsening fuel security situation as stockpiles dwindle to just 28 days.

In the strongest possible language, Mr Katter pointed out that 10 per cent of Australia's petrol can be supplied immediately out of the three Australian ethanol refineries in Nowra in NSW and Dalby and Sarina in Qld.

"The answer is there in flashing neon lights. We could go to 10 per cent (mandate) tomorrow with the existing ethanol refineries which can meet this demand, but we are going to continue to import fuel even though we can produce ethanol cheaply and infinitely more safely than other countries.

"And to think that the Government is contemplating emergency measures when they have the answer in their hands and yet we continue to send \$25,000 million overseas when we can produce that petrol here in Australia ourselves.

"The Hell's Gates dam proposal will produce an initial seven per cent of Australia's requirements. And the proposed strategic ethanol plan west of Geelong can produce another five per cent.

"Now if all the cars in Brazil, a country of 230 million can have a minimum of 22 per cent ethanol, I am damn sure a tiny little country like Australia can."

"We must be reminded that Australia is the one country that should be on the Brazilian model right now. Brazil, within the next decade will become one of the ten major economies on earth as well as being one of the fifth biggest in population."

Mr Katter said that the arguments against ethanol were weak and that ethanol was a viable, safe option for cars and people.

"Anti-fossil fuel groups did a very good job of convincing a gullible media and brainless government that ethanol is somehow bad for cars.

"It is absolute rubbish that your car breaks down; when in Europe they have a minimum 20 per cent in their fuel. Are all their cars breaking down? Are all the cars in America breaking down?"

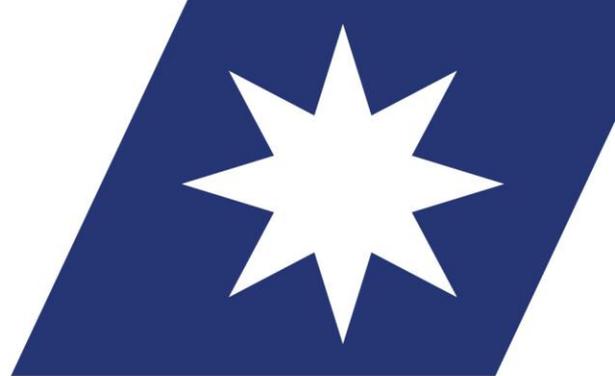
"Even if this ridiculous proposition that a car cannot function with any more than 10 per cent is true, you pass laws saying motor vehicles need to be modified. We did it for lead and more people die from motor vehicle particle emissions now than they ever did from lead.

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“Motor vehicle emissions kill you. The chances of dying almost double if you move from a Tamworth or Parkes to a Sydney. Ethanol is clean, cheap, renewable and forever.”

Mr Katter said he would be once again moving for the introduction of a ten per cent mandate in all Australian petrol to bring Australia into line with every country.

“I can't think of another single country that doesn't have ethanol in their tanks. But of all the countries on earth, we don't have ethanol. And yet we are one of the biggest grain exporting countries in the world, and one of the biggest sugar exporting capitals in the world – of all the countries that can do this enormously cheaply, it is Australia.”

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