



Rebekha Sharkie MP

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Welcome move to halve fuel excise

Federal Independent MP for Mayo Rebekha Sharkie has welcomed the decision to halve fuel excise for the next three months.

“I’ve been repeatedly calling on the Federal Government to suspend fuel excise, so this is definitely a step in the right direction,” Ms Sharkie said.

“The financial pressure on families, farms and businesses is very real. Right now, across Mayo we’re seeing prices around \$2.59 a litre for regular unleaded and \$3.24 for diesel. That’s a huge hit to household and business budgets.”

Ms Sharkie said she would have liked to see fuel excise scrapped entirely for 60 days, but the halving would make a positive difference, providing the service stations pass on the savings.

“The Government’s decision to scrap the heavy vehicle charge for three months is also a good move. Hopefully it helps keep food prices stable.”

Ms Sharkie said she would continue to highlight Australia’s obligations as part of the International Energy Agency, which requires member countries to maintain at least 90 days’ worth of fuel reserves.

“Australia is currently failing its obligations under the International Energy Agency,” Ms Sharkie said.

“We are well below what’s required. Today we have 39 days of reserves, and by comparison, Japan has 254 days. This current crisis is a wakeup call for Australia’s fuel security.”

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