

## Media Statement

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### Landry launches on-line fuel watch survey to take to ACCC

Federal Member for Capricornia Michelle Landry has called on the help of local motorists – urging them to sign her new on-line petition which asks the ACCC to investigate rising fuel prices in Central Queensland.

Ms Landry launched the petition following community concern over yet another round of fluctuating fuel prices across Capricornia.

“Country drivers always seem to cop it in the hip pocket when it comes to filling up the family or farm vehicle compared to their capital city counterparts,” Ms Landry said.

“In recent times we have yet again seen a major fluctuation across Capricornia and in response I have set up an on-line fuel price petition to target action from the ACCC.”

- ComSec recently indicated the Rockhampton area faced the biggest quarterly fuel price rise in 25 years – rising from \$1.20 per litre in early 2015 to \$1.47 in June.
- In the Sarina area in northern Capricornia in the last 6 to 8 weeks fuel has jumped 35 cents – from \$1.13 to about \$1.48 a litre.

“We need the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission to take this area seriously and come here to investigate,” Ms Landry said, “I am asking drivers to go on-line and complete the digital petition so we can submit it to the ACCC.”

So far people responding to the petition agree that country drivers are copping it.

Robert of Alligator Creek stated: - *“Fuel prices do not appear to follow the continuing fall in oil prices”*

The petition:

- Calls on the ACCC to both visit and include places in the Capricornia electorate in their investigation into fuel prices.
- Calls on the ACCC to investigate the fuel disparity we directly experience here in Capricornia.
- Calls on the ACCC to explain why our local community is paying consistently more for fuel than our metropolitan counterparts.

To fill out the petition visit Ms Landry’s website: [www.michellelandry.com.au/](http://www.michellelandry.com.au/)

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