

Government responses to fuel supply constraints – cross-jurisdiction comparison

- 1 The following table provides a high-level overview of key government responses to fuel supply constraints across each Australian jurisdiction.
- 2 The table focuses on responses made pursuant to statutory instruments (as opposed to exercises of general executive power). Some key policy announcements have also been included.

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Commonwealth					
13 March 2026	20% baseline Minimum Stockholding Obligation released	Fuel Security (Temporary Reduction – Securing Regional Supply) Instrument 2026 (Cth) made under s16A of the Fuel Security Act 2021 (Cth)	16 March 2026	30 June 2026	To address fuel supply chain disruption, 20% of the baseline Minimum Stockholding Obligation under the Fuel Security Act 2021 (Cth) and the Fuel Security (Minimum Stockholding Obligation) Rules 2022 (Cth) was released for petrol and diesel, enabling the deployment of approximately 762 million litres from Australia’s domestic reserves.
15 March 2026	Weekly, rather than quarterly, reporting of fuel stocks held under the Minimum Stockholding Obligation	N/A	17 March 2026	N/A	The latest available statistics on fuel stocks held in Australia under the Minimum Stockholding Obligation will be published on a weekly, rather than quarterly, basis supporting increased access to timely information.
17 March 2026	Temporary petrol standard changes	Fuel Quality Standards (Petrol) Amendment Determination (No. 1) 2026 (Cth) made under s21 of the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000 (Cth)	17 March 2026	Varied times	<p>Temporary petrol standard changes support increased petrol supply, particularly in regional areas. Under this measure, petrol sold in Australia may contain up to 50 parts per million (ppm) of sulphur. This is an increase from the usual 10 ppm. The temporary measure will be in effect until 31 May 2026.</p> <p>To help fuel suppliers clear existing stock from their systems, a three-month transitional period will follow. During this time, petrol containing up to 40 ppm sulphur may be supplied until 31 August 2026.</p> <p>From 1 September 2026, all petrol grades supplied across Australia must once again comply with the 10 ppm sulphur limit introduced on 15 December 2025.</p>
19 March 2026	Fuel Supply Taskforce established.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Fuel Supply Taskforce established to coordinate cross-government advice and reporting in relation to energy and supply chain disruptions caused by conflicts in the Middle East.
21 March 2026	Fuel Security Services Payment (FSSP) amended	Fuel Security (Fuel Security Services Payment) Amendment Rules 2026 (Cth) amending the Fuel Security (Fuel Security Services Payment) Rules 2021 (Cth)	21 March 2026	N/A	The Fuel Security Act 2021 (Cth) establishes the FSSP, helping secure Australia’s long-term refining capabilities by paying refiners a production payment during loss-making periods based on the number of litres of FSSP fuels produced. The Amendment Rules adjust the trigger mechanism for the FSSP to better reflect the market conditions.

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24 March 2026	Temporary diesel standard changes	Fuel Quality Standards (Conventional Diesel) Amendment Determination No. 1 2026 (Cth) made under s21 of the Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000 (Cth)	24 March 2026	1 October 2026	Diesel with a flash point of 60.5 degrees Celsius (°C) may be supplied to the Australian market until 30 September 2026. This represents a temporary reduction from the current 61.5 °C limit. This measure does not change how diesel is classified under the Australian Dangerous Goods Code, and there are no changes to the existing safety requirements for transport. For more details, see: Temporary diesel standard change .
23 March 2026	Reaffirmed commitment with Singapore to strengthen energy security	N/A	N/A	N/A	The commitment between Singapore and Australia has been reaffirmed, including to support the flow of essential goods including petroleum oils, such as diesel, and liquefied natural gas between the two countries.
26 March 2026	Significant increases to penalties for breach of competition and consumer law	Treasury Laws Amendment (Doubling Penalties for ACCC Enforcement) Act 2026 (Cth)	28 March 2026	N/A	The maximum corporate penalties for breaches of the competition and consumer law have doubled, with the fixed penalty limb rising from \$50 million to \$100 million per contravention. This also applies for failures to notify the ACCC of acquisitions meeting the notification thresholds. This is aimed at preventing petrol companies from price gouging.
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan agreed	N/A	N/A	N/A	The National Cabinet agreed to the National Fuel Security Plan to coordinate a consistent response across the Commonwealth, States and Territories. The plan sets out a four-staged response to fuel supply challenges to keep Australia moving.
1 April 2026	Government to underwrite additional cargoes of fuel and other strategic materials. Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve established.	Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Amendment (Strategic Reserve) Act 2026 (Cth) amending the Export Finance and Insurance Corporation Act 1991 (Cth)	N/A	N/A	The amendments create a Strategic Reserve to enable the Government to support Australia's long-term economic security and sovereign resilience. In order to achieve this, the Government will use Export Finance Australia (EFA) to underwrite the purchase of additional cargoes of fuel and other strategic materials that are vital to Australia's economy. The amendments also establish a Critical Minerals Strategic Reserve, enabling EFA, on behalf of the Commonwealth, to secure supply, sell and selectively stockpile critical minerals to position Australia as a trusted and stable partner in high-value, vulnerable supply chains.
1 April 2026	Reduction to Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge	Fuel tax (Road User Charge) Amendment Determination 2026 (Cth) amending the Fuel Tax (Road User Charge) Determination 2023 (Cth) ,	1 April 2026	30 June 2026	The Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge is reduced from 32.4 cents per litre to zero for three months. The Government will also defer the next scheduled increase in the Heavy Vehicle Road User Charge by six months.

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		made under s43-10(8) of the Fuel Tax Act 2006 (Cth)			
1 April 2026	Reduction to fuel excise on petrol and diesel	Treasury Laws Amendment (Fuel Excise Relief) Act 2026 (Cth) amending the Customs Tariff Act 1995 (Cth), the Excise Tariff Act 1921 (Cth) and Fuel Tax Act 2006 (Cth).	1 April 2026	30 June 2026	The Australian Government will halve the fuel excise on petrol and diesel for three months. The halving of the fuel excise will reduce the cost of fuel from 52.6 cents per litre to 26.3 cents per litre.
1 April 2026	Legislative framework for emergency road transport contractual chain order	Fair Work Amendment (Fairer Fuel) Act 2026 (Cth) amending the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)	2 April 2026	N/A	Allows the relevant minister to determine that an application relating to a road transport contractual chain order (RTCCO) is an emergency application in the event of time-sensitive circumstances or circumstances that negatively impact the road transport industry nationally; and enable the Fair Work Commission to make RTCCOs in an expedited manner.
2 April 2026	Further reduction in fuel excise	Excise Tariff (Fuel Duty Temporary Reduction) Determination 2026 (Cth) made under the Excise Tariff Act 1921 (Cth)	1 April 2026	N/A	This instrument provides a temporary further reduction in fuel excise and excise-equivalent customs duties beyond the 50% reduction that was originally announced.
20 April 2026	Road transport contractual chain order issued by Fair Work Commission	Road Transport Contractual Chain Order – Fuel Cost Recovery 2026 made under Part 3B-2 of the Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)	21 April 2026	When the weekly average national terminal gate price for diesel, as measured in the weekly diesel price report of the Australian Institute of Petroleum, falls below \$2 per litre	<p>The order requires primary parties and secondary parties in road transport contractual chains to adjust their rates fortnightly or twice each calendar month to allow recovery of the increased cost of fuel. This is so the contractors and workers they engage are compensated for increases in fuel cost. For more information about the order, see here.</p> <p>The Order is subject to review by the Fair Work Commission after the first month of its operation and then every three months.</p>
1 May 2026	Additional jet fuel and additional diesel secured	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Commonwealth Government has secured two shipments carrying 100 million litres of jet fuel, and another shipment of 50 million litres of diesel.

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6 May 2026	\$10b Australian Fuel Security and Resilience package announced	N/A	N/A	N/A	An Australian Fuel Security and Resilience package announced that includes establishing a permanent Government-owned Australian Fuel Security Reserve of around a billion litres, and lift the Minimum Stockholding Obligation by around 10 days for every type of fuel, together with exploring new or expanded fuel refining capabilities. The package will also extend to increase supply and storage of fertiliser.
Western Australia					
11 March 2026	Fuel Security Roundtable convened and weekly Fuel Industry Operations Group established	N/A	N/A	N/A	The WA Government convened a Fuel Security Roundtable with industry, resulting in a seven-point action plan addressing imports, regional distribution, transport efficiency, stockpiling, Commonwealth engagement and public messaging. A weekly Fuel Industry Operations Group, where government and industry will share information on fuel supply conditions, was established.
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The WA Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure a coordinated response to the fuel crisis. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the WA Government is required to use legislative provisions to ensure timely data and information from industry and distributors, consider regulatory reforms to improve freight efficiency, monitor and report fuel station supply, and monitor economic impacts on fuel-exposed industries.
31 March 2026	Industry Support Working Group established	N/A	N/A	N/A	A whole of government ministerial taskforce entitled the Industry Support Working Group explored ways to support Western Australian businesses and consumers to consult with industry stakeholders to assess cost pressures and supply chain risks facing WA.
1 April 2026	State of emergency declared	Fuel, Energy and Power Resources (Declaration of State of Emergency) Order 2026 (FEPR Emergency Order) made under s43 of the Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Act 1972 (WA) (FEPR Act)	1 April 2026	30 September 2026	Formally declares a state of emergency and vests the administration of the FEPR Act in the Minister for Energy and Decarbonisation.
2 April 2026	Fuel supply chain information collection requirements established	Fuel, Energy and Power Resources (State of Emergency) Regulations 2026 (WA) made pursuant to s47(1) of the FEPR Act	2 April 2026	30 September 2026 (It continues while FEPR	Requires fuel industry participants to promptly share supply chain information (including written agreements, contractual commitments, current or expected capacity, pricing and customer behaviour), with penalties for non-compliance but no liability from disclosing such information or documents. These measures are aimed at improving end to end visibility of fuel supply, enabling better

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				Emergency Order subsists: s57(2) of the FEPR Act)	coordination and ensuring fuel can be directed to areas of greatest need across Western Australia.
2 April 2026	Mandatory for all fuel retailers to report their prices to FuelWatch, with increased fines for non-compliance	Petroleum Products Pricing Amendment Regulations 2026 (WA) amending the Petroleum Products Pricing Regulations 2000 (WA)	2 April 2026 and 1 May 2026	N/A	From 1 May 2026, fuel price reporting to FuelWatch expanded to all fuel retailers across Western Australia. Penalties for non-compliance increased from \$1,000 to \$4,000 from 2 April 2026.
7 April 2026	Aviation: capping airfares at current prices for regional residents	N/A	N/A	N/A	Despite the rise in jet fuel prices, fares under the current Regional Airfare Zone Cap (RAZC) scheme will be maintained to keep costs down for customers.
9 April 2026	Supporting freight operators to transport more milk and perishable food	HVS Update 6-2026: Temporary Special Assistance Access Approval	9 April 2026	N/A	Accredited trucks, road trains and milk tankers will be able to carry up to an additional 10 tonnes per load where conditions allow when transporting milk and perishable goods.
10 April 2026	Reducing fuel use across WA's freight network	HVAS Update 11-2026 53.5 metre Bindoon Hill Special Assistance Permit	10 April 2026	31 July 2026	The WA Government is permitting 53.5 metre triple-trailer trains to travel along Great Northern Highway between Wubin and Muchea, for a three-month trial period. Triple-trailer road trains were previously not permitted to travel further south than Wubin when travelling into Perth, and needed to be broken down into smaller double-trailer road trains. These changes are aimed at improving freight efficiency and reducing truck movements along this key route connecting Perth to the Wheatbelt, Murchison, Goldfields, Pilbara, and Kimberley regions.
14 April 2026	Strategic diesel stockpile for WA secured	N/A	N/A	N/A	The WA Government struck a deal with local independent fuel supplier Cambridge Gulf to purchase and store 4 million litres of diesel in the Kimberley.
14 April 2026	WA Government ratifies earlier FEPR Emergency Order	s43 of the FEPR Act	N/A	N/A	
23 April 2026	WA Government secures 8 million litres of diesel for WA	N/A	N/A	N/A	The WA Government is entering an agreement to purchase an additional 8 million litres of diesel for WA's strategic stockpile. The 8 million litres was offered by Rio Tinto and will be purchased from their supplier, Viva Energy. This fuel is in addition to normal import allocations for fuel for WA and will be stored at Esperance and Kwinana.

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23 April 2026	Relieve from exploration spending requirements amid fuel pinch	N/A	N/A	End of 2026	<p>The WA has moved to ease the cost burden on Western Australian explorers and miners amid the prevailing period of higher fuel costs.</p> <p>Under a new policy, companies affected by fuel security issues will be able to apply for exemptions to their minimum expenditure requirements on their mining and exploration tenure.</p> <p>Mines and Petroleum Minister will use his discretion to grant exemption requests on a case-by-case basis.</p>
1 May 2026	WA Government strengthens FuelWatch scheme	s43 of the FEPR Act	1 May 2026	N/A	Every fuel retailer in WA will be covered by the FuelWatch scheme, requiring them to submit daily prices, which remain fixed for 24 hours, and introduces mandatory reporting of fuel supply outages.
5 May 2026	Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Amendment Bill 2026 introduced to WA Parliament	FEPR Act	TBA	TBA	The Bill updates the <i>FEPR Act</i> to modernise the compensation framework for losses caused by compliance with emergency measures, strengthen enforcement and penalties for non-compliance and limit government liability for losses arising from emergency orders and regulations.
New South Wales					
16 March 2026	Roundtable with industry	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Premier and the Energy Minister met with industry representatives in agriculture, freight and other affected industries to ensure that ground level fuel supplies are going to be met in key industries.
19 March 2026	Proposed Fair Trading Amendment (24-Hour Fuel Price Lock) Bill 2026	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Coalition proposed a bill to introduce a 24-hour fuel price lock (similar to the Victorian regime), which would require fuel retailers to set and maintain maximum pricing a day prior. The government blocked debate of this bill.
20 March 2026	Statewide crackdown on compliance with fuel price transparency obligations	N/A	N/A	N/A	The NSW Government announced that NSW Fair Trading is conducting unannounced inspections of fuel retailers to ensure they are complying with obligations to ensure that the price they display is correct and reflects the price which has been registered with the state's FuelCheck app.
25 March 2026	Establishment of a Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre	N/A	N/A	N/A	The NSW Government established a Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre, which will track fuel availability and shortages, identify pressure points and forecast future supply including for agriculture, freight, construction and mining sectors, and support coordination with industry to redirect fuel where it is needed most.
27 March 2026	Information notices issued to fuel companies	Energy and Utilities Administration Act 1987 (NSW)			The NSW Minister for Energy has issued formal information notices to a number of fuel companies, requesting information on historical stocks, sales, future orders and forecasts.

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31 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The NSW Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure that the Commonwealth, states and territories work together to respond to fuel supply issues. In line with Level 2 of the plan, the NSW Government introduced a series of measures including temporary freight changes to allow larger freight to use roads.
5 May 2026	Fair Trading (FuelCheck) Amendment Bill 2026	Fair Trading Act 1987 (NSW)	N/A	N/A	The Bill amends fair trade laws to provide for offences for service station operators who fail to report a price for fuel or fail to notify if a type of fuel becomes unavailable. Penalties are also increased, and additional penalties will be imposed for reoffending stations.
Victoria					
10 March 2026	Increased reporting requirements for fuel retailers (including daily maximum fuel price)	Part 3 of the Consumer Legislation Amendment Act 2025 (Vic) amending the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (Vic)	10 March 2026	N/A	The <i>Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (Vic)</i> was amended to introduce additional requirement for fuel retailers to provide information about their business and obtain confirmation prior to being permitted to offer fuel for sale. It also introduces fuel price reporting obligations, including a requirement to report a maximum fuel price for their daily sale. The Act makes it an offence to sell fuel above the maximum fuel price.
10 March 2026	Code of practice for fuel retailers established	Amended version of the Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading (Code of Practice for Fuel Retailers) Regulations 2025 (Vic) made pursuant to Australian Consumer Law and Fair Trading Act 2012 (Vic)	10 March 2026	N/A	The regulations were amended as at 10 March 2026. The regulations establish a code of practice for fuel retailers, which include accurate disclosure and displaying of fuel prices.
17 March 2026	Launching Fuel Taskforce	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Victorian Government has committed to invest \$4.6 million towards more inspectors and investigators as well as a legal team, to specifically target non-compliant fuel retailers via Consumer Affairs Victoria.
17 March 2026	Industry forum	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Premier of Victoria chaired an industry forum with fuel suppliers, business groups and agricultural representatives on 17 March 2026, to better understand the situation on the ground and get guidance as to actions the government could take.
17 March 2026	Appoint a Class 2 energy controller	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Victorian Government has announced that it has appointed a State Energy Controller within the State Control Centre to monitor and prepare responses in

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					relation to the fuel emergency. Updates from the controller will be provided to the government on a weekly basis or as required.
N/A	Consumer Affairs Victoria Inspections	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Victorian Government announced that Consumer Affairs Victoria inspectors are visiting service stations to ensure fuel retailers are registered and fuel prices are reported accurately. This has resulted in over 289 field inspections (as at 17 March 2026). All the data obtained will go to the ACCC.
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Victorian Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure that the Commonwealth, states and territories work together to respond to fuel supply issues. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the Victorian Government has been monitoring fuel supply using live data from the Services Victoria Servo Saver app, providing free public transport and writing to fuel companies to seek cooperation in sharing fuel supply information.
31 March 2026	Free public transport introduced	N/A	31 March 2026	30 April 2026	The Victorian Government introduced temporary free transport on Metropolitan and V/line services.
2 April 2026	Additional fuel reporting obligations	Part 12A of the Regulatory Legislation Amendment (Reform) Act 2026 (Vic) amending the Fuel Emergency Act 1977 (Vic)	15 April 2026	N/A	The <i>Fuel Emergency Act 1977</i> (Vic) has been amended to add additional obligations to supply data, including how much fuel distribution companies are receiving and where it is going. The aim of the amendment is to ensure the government has oversight of the whole picture of fuel supply and distribution. Amendments were also made to include penalties for non-compliance with the data requirements.
19 April 2026	Extension of free public transport	N/A	N/A	31 May 2026 (and half price travel to 1 January 2027)	The Victorian Government announced an extension of its free public transport policy until 31 May 2026 and half price travel from 1 June 2026 to 1 January 2027.
Queensland					
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Queensland Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure a coordinated response to the fuel crisis. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the Queensland Government is required to use legislative provisions to ensure timely data and information from industry and distributors, consider regulatory reforms to improve freight efficiency, monitor and report fuel station supply, and monitor economic impacts on fuel-exposed industries.
9 April 2026	Taroom Trough oil field development announced	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Queensland Government announced the unlocking of Australia's first oil field in 50 years at the Taroom Trough in southern Queensland to strengthen

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					domestic fuel security. The Government will streamline roads and trunk infrastructure through a Taroom Trough Development Plan, prepared under a Works Regulation overseen by Queensland's Coordinator-General. The Government is also calling on the Federal Government to recognise the Taroom Trough as a project of national interest and to streamline EPBC approvals through the National Interest Fast-Track Assessment Pathway.
24 April 2026	Taroom Trough Development Plan ratified	State Development and Public Works Organisation (Taroom Trough Development Plan Works) Amendment Regulation 2026 (Qld) amending the State Development and Public Works Organisation Regulation 2020 (Qld)	24 April 2026	N/A	The Queensland Government ratified the Taroom Trough Development Plan, establishing a whole-of-basin framework to streamline roads, trunk infrastructure and approvals for Australia's first prospective new oil field in 50 years. The regulation activates the Coordinator-General's powers to drive whole-of-government planning, stakeholder engagement, investment and job creation. For more details, see Taroom Trough Development Plan ratified .
3 May 2026	Queensland government unveils plan to unlock land at six ports for fuel storage facilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Queensland Government announced plans to make available six parcels of government-owned land at ports in Brisbane, Townsville, Mackay, Gladstone, Bundaberg and Abbot Point in Bowen for the construction of fuel storage tanks. Private companies will also be offered the option to build refineries at each of the six sites.
South Australia					
16 & 27 March 2026	Emergency roundtable meetings between Government and industry leaders on fuel security	N/A	N/A	N/A	Two emergency roundtables with industry leaders were convened to address South Australia's fuel security position amid widespread shortages at city and country service stations. The SA Government has also established a cross-departmental working group and is actively monitoring fuel sales.
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The SA Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure a coordinated response to the fuel crisis. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the SA Government is required to use legislative provisions to ensure timely data and information from industry and distributors, consider regulatory reforms to improve freight efficiency, monitor and report fuel station supply, and monitor economic impacts on fuel-exposed industries.

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Tasmania					
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Tasmanian Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure a coordinated response to the fuel crisis. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the Tasmanian Government is required to use legislative provisions to ensure timely data and information from industry and distributors, consider regulatory reforms to improve freight efficiency, monitor and report fuel station supply, and monitor economic impacts on fuel-exposed industries.
30 March 2026	Free public transport introduced	N/A	30 March 2026	30 June 2026	The Tasmanian Government has introduced free bus and ferry travel from 30 March to 30 June 2026 across all fare types and government-contracted public transport services in response to rising fuel costs.
2 April 2026	New laws to strengthen fuel supply monitoring	Petroleum Reporting (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2026 (Tas)	2 April 2026	N/A	Tasmania's Parliament passed new laws strengthening the State's powers to monitor fuel supplies, penalise non-compliant companies and cap petrol prices during emergencies. The legislation amends four existing Acts and imposes clearer and enforceable supply level reporting obligations on fuel companies, increases penalties for breaches of mandatory codes of practice, strengthens emergency powers and empowers the Government to compel information about fuel supply levels. It also expands emergency powers by allowing emergency restriction periods to be extended and enables the temporary setting of maximum fuel prices during declared emergencies, improving Tasmania's capacity to respond effectively to fuel shortages or market instability
16 April 2026	Establishing an on-island Strategic Fuel Reserve	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Tasmanian Government announced it has begun work to establish its own on-island Strategic Fuel Reserve, following initial investigations commenced in March 2026. The Government is identifying latent fuel storage capacity outside existing terminals, with three decommissioned tanks at Self's Point already identified as a potential source of an additional 12 million litres of storage. The Government is also looking to source additional diesel reserves to protect the transport and agricultural sectors.

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Australian Capital Territory					
30 March 2026	Establishment of the ACT Fuel Coordination Team	N/A	N/A	N/A	The ACT Government has established an ACT Fuel Coordination Team to manage information sharing and local planning and response activities.
31 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The ACT Government announced that National Cabinet has established and endorsed a National Fuel Security Plan, which is currently at Level 2. The ACT Government also announced that it would be conducting meetings within the federal government and conducting daily coordination with ACT fuel retailers to monitor supply levels.
8 April 2026	Reducing Public Transport Fees	N/A	8 April 2026	30 June 2026	The ACT Government has introduced a halving of monthly public transport fee caps. This does not reduce the individual fair per trip, but it reduces the overall monthly fee of public transport. The price reduction will expire on 30 June 2026.
Northern Territory					
30 March 2026	National Fuel Security Plan adopted	N/A	N/A	N/A	The Northern Territory Government adopted the National Fuel Security Plan to ensure a coordinated response to the fuel crisis. Currently at Level 2 of this plan, the Northern Territory Government is required to use legislative provisions to ensure timely data and information from industry and distributors, consider regulatory reforms to improve freight efficiency, monitor and report fuel station supply, and monitor economic impacts on fuel-exposed industries.
31 March 2026	Increased fuel retail monitoring	Declaration of Goods made pursuant to s19(1) of the Price Exploitation Prevention Act 1949 (NT)	31 March 2026	N/A	The Northern Territory Government revived the <i>Price Exploitation Prevention Act 1949</i> to address fuel supply and pricing issues. It allows the Government to compel fuel retailers to disclose the full cost structure of selling fuel, prohibit certain transactions and, in limited circumstances, set fuel prices. Retailers who fail to comply may face fines of up to \$74,000 and up to two years' imprisonment.
16 April 2026	Introduction of 24-hour fuel price lock	Regulation 5 of the Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading (Fuel Retailers) Regulations 2017	20 April 2026 (reporting requirement); 25 April 2026 (offence provisions)	N/A	The NT Government introduced a 24-hour fuel price lock-in. From 20 April 2026, fuel retailers are required to report the price of each prescribed fuel via MyFuel NT daily, with prices fixed for 24 hours. Retailers may reduce prices during the period but cannot increase them. From 25 April 2026, once MyFuel NT system updates are in place, it will be an offence to fail to report prices, increase prices during the 24-hour period, offer fuel at a price different from that reported, or fail to update price signage.