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## **AIP STATEMENT ON ACCC INVESTIGATION INTO REGIONAL DIESEL SUPPLY**

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At a time when fuel suppliers are working around-the-clock to ensure the flow of diesel into regional areas, the Australian Institute of Petroleum (AIP) is disappointed by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) decision to launch an investigation into allegations of supplier misconduct.

AIP members will, of course, comply with the ACCC investigation but an investigation is an unwelcome distraction from the urgent tasks at hand.

AIP understands customers' anxiety about fuel prices and supply, especially customers in regional areas.

AIP members are striving to meet the surging demand for fuel across all parts of Australia, including regional areas, and are working with governments to alleviate the pressure points in the system.

AIP members are also seeking authorisation from the ACCC to co-ordinate the logistics of supplying fuel to areas in need.

Malcolm Roberts, AIP CEO

*AIP's core members – Ampol, bp, Mobil Oil Australia and Viva Energy – supply about 85 per cent of Australia's liquid fuels.*