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The Hon Tony Kelly MLC

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Biofuels mandate extends to petrol retailers

Minister for Lands, Tony Kelly has announced that the second phase of the Rees Government's biofuels strategy starts today.

Mr Kelly said that the Legislation ensures that major retailers such as Coles and Woolworths will now come under the biofuel mandate.

"From today, the biofuels mandate will apply to major retailers as well as the oil companies.

"This means that retailers must ensure that on average 2% of all petrol sold is ethanol.

"Also all biofuels counted under the mandate must now meet an international sustainability standard.

"Ethanol-blend petrol, or E10, now accounts for over 20 per cent of all petrol sold in NSW and well over one billion litres of the fuel has been sold.

"The Government will ensure this success continues with further mandatory requirements which will include increasing the average ethanol content required to 4% from 1 January, 2010.

"This will increase to 6% a year later and from 1 July 2011, E10 will replace regular grade unleaded petrol.

"A 2% biodiesel mandate will be introduced in January next year, rising to 5% in 2011. All diesel engines can use up to 5% biodiesel.

"Premium unleaded will still be available without ethanol for those who cannot use ethanol-blend fuel.

"The Rees Government is committed to promoting sustainable transport fuels to safeguard future transport energy needs with cheap, green forms of renewable energy that are made right here in NSW.

"Biofuels production creates jobs in regional areas and provide new opportunities for our primary producers to grow feedstocks.

"We have three biofuels projects under construction in NSW with total investment of over \$500 million and the creation of almost 1,000 new jobs

For further information see www.biofuels.nsw.gov.au .

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