

Attachment A - Domestic Energy Security Measures

Key Government Actions

12 April - launched "Every Little Bit Helps" information campaign encouraging Australians to reduce car usage.

9 April - PM announced Export Finance Australia has agreed to terms with Viva Energy and Ampol that will enable the government to underwrite the two companies' oil purchases.

2 April - PM announced \$6.15 billion in concessional capital to support Australian businesses affected by global disruptions.

- announced states and territories have agreed to provide a further \$400m of fuel relief, to be delivered through an additional 10.9 per cent cut to fuel excise for 3 months.

1 April 2026 - PM address to the Nation about Middle East Crisis.

- Treasurer announced measures between government and business/finance sector to ease pressure including: ATO providing temporary relief for impacted businesses; 10-year extension of the Small Business Responsible Lending Obligation; commitments from banks, non-bank lenders and insurers to support customers experiencing hardship; and crisis support measures from BCA members.
- Minister for Resources gave notice of intention to consider powers under the Australian Domestic Gas Security Mechanism (ADGSM). The Minister will consult over the next 30 days with major gas producers regarding domestic supply and make a decision on whether to activate the mechanism by mid-May.

30 March 2026 - announced the National Fuel Security Plan, following agreement by National Cabinet; and halved the fuel excise to 26.3 cents per litre and reduced the heavy vehicle road user charge to zero for three months.

24 March 2026 - temporarily amended diesel quality standards to allow lower minimum flash point level supporting access to international supply and facilitating domestic diesel production.

23 March 2026 - Joint statement on energy security between Singapore and Australia

20 March 2026 - amended Fuel Security Service Payment (FSSP) increasing support for domestic refineries.

19 March 2026 - Appointment of Fuel Supply Taskforce Coordinator.

13 March 2026 - temporary 20% reduction to the MSO to release up to 762 million litres of petrol and diesel from domestic reserves to the local market.

12 March 2026 - temporarily relaxed fuel standards for petrol allowing higher sulphur levels until 31 May 2026 to boost supply by around 100 million litres monthly.

11 March 2026 - increased ACCC powers through doubled maximum penalties for major breaches of competition and consumer laws (received Royal Assent on 27 March), as well as national weekly fuel price monitoring.

Key State and Territory Government Actions		
Measure	State	Description
Freight adjustments	NSW	Temporary freight adjustments to increase access to road network including adjusting load limits to allow bigger and longer freight and greater flexibility for night loading and hours of operation.
	WA	A three-month trial allowing 53.5m triple-trailer road-trains, combined with temporary increases to road-train load limits (additional 10 tonnes) for petrol, diesel and fertiliser to priority regions.
	SA	Fast-tracked heavy freight reforms with 100 new network maps across SA roads, allowing more efficient truck and trailer configurations and increased operational flexibility to reduce fuel use.
Free / subsidised public transport	NSW	The frequency of services on Sydney's M1 metro rail line will be temporarily boosted until 7 June to cater for additional passenger demand.
	Vic	All metro and regional trams, trains and buses will be free from 31 March until the end of April.
	Tas	Free bus services statewide and Derwent River ferries.
	ACT	Reduction in monthly fare caps across bus and light rail services, providing free travel once the cap is reached. Measures apply across adult, student and concession fares from April to June.
Mandatory reporting of fuel pricing / outages	NSW	Mandatory outage and availability reporting via FuelCheck, requiring retailers to update fuel availability data. Formal information notices compelling fuel companies to provide detailed supply information and established a Liquid Fuel Emergency Operations Centre.
	Vic	Amendments to the <i>Fuel Emergency Act 1977</i> requiring fuel businesses to share detailed fuel supply and distribution data (beyond prices), for improved planning and faster intervention.
	WA	Activation of emergency powers under the <i>Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Act 1972</i> to compel fuel suppliers to provide detailed, commercially sensitive information on fuel supply chains.
	SA	Expansion of real-time fuel availability reporting, showing outlet-level availability and daily statewide stock-out data, supported by increased compliance funding and higher penalties.
	Tas	Passage of the Petroleum Reporting (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026 strengthening mandatory information-gathering powers, compulsory outage reporting, extended emergency periods, and civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance.
Airline support	WA	Additional aviation support under the Regional Airfare Zone Cap (RAZC) scheme to cover rising jet-fuel costs for airlines operating critical regional routes and ensure capped airfares remain at current levels.
Food relief	Vic	\$2.7 million food-relief package delivered through Foodbank Victoria, regional food-shares, OzHarvest and community organisations to support households facing rising cost pressures.
	Tas	One-off \$500,000 funding boost for food-relief services ahead of Easter to support Tasmanians experiencing cost-of-living pressures.
Enacting emergency declarations	WA	Activation of emergency powers under the <i>Fuel, Energy and Power Resources Act 1972</i> , to compel fuel suppliers to provide detailed information and include significant penalties for non-compliance.
	Tas	Passage of the <i>Petroleum Reporting (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2026</i> , strengthening emergency powers during declared fuel emergencies.
	NT	Enactment and use of the <i>Price Exploitation Prevention Act</i> , granting powers to compel disclosure of fuel cost structures and margins and to regulate price exploitation.
Accelerating EV Uptake	NSW	\$100 million in funding linked to NSW's 2026 Electric Vehicle Strategy. The strategy aims to reduce emissions and make EVs and their cost of living benefits accessible to more people—focusing on charging gaps in regional, remote, suburban areas.