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Dear Ms Stevens

**Phase-out of leaded racing fuel**

I am writing to you about the phase-out of leaded racing fuel on which the Government consulted with the motor sport industry on two occasions in 2016. The consultation focussed on the continued use of leaded racing fuel in motor sport activities, due to increasing concerns about the impact of lead on both the environment and on public health and safety.

After careful consideration of stakeholder views raised during consultation, the Minister for the Environment and Energy, the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, has decided that a two-year phase-out period will start on 1 July 2017, with no more leaded racing fuel permitted from 1 July 2019.

A majority of the stakeholders consulted found a two-year phase-out period acceptable, and preferred it over an immediate ban or a phase-out over a longer period. A phase-out period will allow time for changes to racing categories, sourcing and testing alternative fuels and modifying engines.

The Department will work closely with racing fuel suppliers, motor racing organisations and historic vehicle associations during the phase-out period to work through any implementation issues. We will be in contact with you in the coming weeks.

To give you certainty over the next two years, as the delegate for the Minister for the Environment and Energy, I have extended all current racing fuel approvals (both leaded and unleaded) until 30 June 2019, at no cost to approval holders.

During the phase-out period, current approval holders and their regulated persons will be able to continue to supply leaded fuels, avgas and unleaded fuels for which they have approval. From 1 July 2019, only unleaded fuels can be supplied.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr David Swanton, Director, Fuel Quality Standards Section at [section13.fqsa@environment.gov.au](mailto:section13.fqsa@environment.gov.au) or on 02 6274 1581.

Yours sincerely

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