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End the Easter Petrol Price Gouge

The major oil companies should halt the petrol price hike this Easter. Labor Member for Wellington said in the lead up to Easter Tasmanian motorists are being slugged with fuel price hikes.

“According to one fuel watch website, the average price of unleaded petrol in Tasmania has risen from \$1.302 to \$1.305 in the past day. “And yesterday I saw unleaded petrol on sale at a staggering \$1.349 per litre,” Mr Parkinson said.

“These price rises would lead a reasonable person to think that oil companies are profiteering from the fact that Tasmanians like to spend Easter with their friends and family.

“The oil companies will blame the increase on the rising price of crude oil.

“But Tasmanians know that while fuel prices are raised very quickly when crude prices go up, fuel prices fall much less quickly when the price of crude oil falls.

“While a jump of up to 12 cents per litre might not mean much to the well paid executives of the multi-national oil companies, it is a massive slug for Tasmanians on fixed incomes working to pay off their homes and bring up their families.

“This Easter the oil companies should give Tasmanian motorists a break and stop the petrol price slug.” Mr Parkinson said.

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