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Hodge calls for bio-fuel research

Country Alliance candidate for the Western Region, Miles Hodge, has called on the State and Federal Governments to invest in research into bio-fuels.

Mr Hodge said that the millions of dollars collected through fuel taxes would assist greatly in examining options to our current dependence on fossil fuels.

“State and Federal Governments could lead the way by encouraging the production of bio-diesel for instance, to help reduce the high cost of transport & travel within Australia,” he said.

“This would be of particular benefit to rural residents who face longer travel distances and freight costs.”

“They’re the ones paying taxes to the Government and are potentially the ones who would stand to benefit through some research.”

Mr Hodge said there are a number of good examples recently of both individuals and companies producing and using bio-diesel to the benefit of both the environment and themselves.

"It is about time this proven product, easily produced from a wide range of products from fat to plant oils, was made available in volume to the public," Hodge said.

Mr Hodge also said his position is expected to be formally incorporated into new policies to be announced by his party shortly.

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