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Federal Government Fuel Security Announcements

Viva Energy (the **Company**) welcomes today's announcement by the Federal Government of its fuel security package.

The refining sector has been under pressure in recent years from an oversupply of production in Asia as a result of lower fuel demand growth and increases in regional refining capacity. This has substantially worsened as a result of COVID-19 with exports of surplus production from these refineries putting significant pressure on Australian refining margins. There is a risk that refining margins are slow to recover given the extent of fuel demand reductions and broader impacts on global economies.

The Federal Government's announcements today acknowledge the importance of refining to the country's broader energy security and contemplate a package of initiatives which together can enhance the long-term viability of the domestic refining sector (noting that the package remains subject to legislative design and implementation).

Scott Wyatt, the Company's CEO said, "Refineries play a vital role in maintaining Australia's fuel security and make a material contribution to the broader economy but are under significant pressure as a result of increasing competition from large scale international refineries and the impacts of COVID-19. The Geelong refinery, servicing about half of the Victorian market, has been particularly hard hit."

"Minister Taylor and his department have worked closely with the refining sector to carry out a strategic review and are today taking significant and important steps to address the country's liquid fuel security. The on-going viability of domestic refineries supports the national interest and I welcome the proposed suite of reforms announced by the Federal Government which can provide important long-term support for the sector.

"Our refining business continues to face significant immediate challenges, and we look forward to working with both State and Federal Governments in the weeks ahead to address the short and long-term viability of our refinery at Geelong."

The Company will continue to work with the Federal Government on the details of the fuel security package, and with the Victorian State Government on the specific challenges that are impacting our refinery at Geelong. As previously announced, we expect to be able to provide an update on our refining business when we release our quarterly trading update in October.

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About Viva Energy

Viva Energy (ASX: VEA) is one of Australia's leading energy companies and supplies approximately a quarter of the country's liquid fuel requirements. It is the exclusive supplier of high quality Shell fuels and lubricants in Australia through an extensive network of more than 1,290 service stations across the country.

Viva Energy owns and operates the strategically located Geelong Refinery in Victoria, and operates bulk fuels, aviation, bitumen, marine, chemicals and lubricants businesses supported by more than 20 terminals and 50 airports and airfields across the country.

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