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Toowoomba ULP price jumps 10cpl in one day

Drivers in the Garden City have been stung with average unleaded fuel prices jumping an eye-watering 10 cents per litre (cpl) in just one day.

RACQ spokesperson Lauren Ritchie said average petrol prices in Toowoomba had moved from 127.8cpl to 138.4cpl in just 24 hours.

“We’ve seen a jump of 10.6cpl in a day which is rare to see outside of south east Queensland and is worrying news for drivers in Toowoomba,” Ms Ritchie said.

“Regional areas are not subjected to the fuel price cycle like Brisbane and the Gold Coast, so they shouldn’t be seeing such a large increase in prices at the pump.

“A few retailers are even charging as much as 149.9cpl, which is over and above what is fair and we’d urge drivers to shun these expensive sites and fill up elsewhere.”

Ms Ritchie said high oil prices and increases in the wholesale price were responsible for the rise in regional Queensland.

“Toowoomba has been enjoying cheap fuel recently but those days are over with such volatility in the global market,” she said.

“We’re watching Bundaberg, Maryborough and Gladstone very carefully. These towns have seen jumps between 1cpl and 3cpl in a day, so drivers there should fill up now, but only at the servos offering a cheap deal.”

Ms Ritchie said while there was limited cheap fuel in Toowoomba, drivers would benefit if they did their homework.

“Aim for 140cpl or less if you can find it or only buy the minimum amount to meet your immediate needs and don’t be fooled into paying through the nose,” she said.

“Use the apps and websites available, like RACQ’s Fair Fuel Finder to locate the best deal for fuel in your area. Even if it’s only a few cents cheaper, it sends a message to retailers to compete for your business.”

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