1. The *Liquid Fuel Supply Act 1984* was amended by the *Liquid Fuel Supply (Ethanol and Other Biofuels Mandate) Amendment Act 2015* to establish a biofuels mandate under which fuel sellers have obligations to sell at least a prescribed percentage of sustainable biobased petrol and sustainable biobased diesel.
2. The *Liquid Fuel Supply Regulation 2016* (the Regulation) prescribes sustainability criteria for biobased petrol and biobased diesel (biofuels) sold under Queensland’s biofuels mandate*.* The Regulation also increases the threshold amount of petrol a fuel retailer with nine or fewer service stations must sell at one of their service stations before the biofuels mandate applies.
3. A biofuel must comply with the sustainability criteria prescribed by the Regulation in order to comprise sustainable biobased petrol or diesel for the purposes of satisfying the obligations under the mandate.
4. The sustainability criteria require:
	* a demonstrated reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as compared to fossil fuels; and
	* certification under a recognised standard (for biofuels not produced from waste).
5. The Regulation also includes appropriate transitional arrangements to ensure that fuel produced prior to the mandate’s commencement on 1 January 2017 can be sold into the mandate, and to allow time for existing biofuel producers to achieve the requisite certification or accreditation.
6. Increasing the threshold amount of petrol a fuel retailer must sell at one of their service stations before the biofuels mandate applies will significantly reduce compliance burdens on a number of smaller retailers while still achieving the overall intent of the biofuels mandate.
7. Cabinet endorsed that the *Liquid Fuel Supply Regulation 2016* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
8. *Attachments*
* [*Liquid Fuel Supply Regulation 2016*](Attachments/Reg.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes to the *Liquid Fuel Supply Regulation 2016*](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)