



# Media Release

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## **Fuel Distributors Industry Safety Committee to deliver best practice**

New Zealand fuel distributors with support from the Road Transport Forum are pleased to announce the formation of a new industry body to represent the interests of the fuel distribution sector and establish best practice standards for the industry.

The mission statement states that the Committee's objectives are to provide a forum where fuel distributors and stakeholders can collaboratively work towards establishing best practice industry standards to ensure the safe, compliant and environmentally responsible delivery and storage of fuel.

Participating companies include Allied Petroleum, Farmlands Co-op, Farmlands Fuel, Waitomo Group, North & South Fuels, McFall Fuel, Rural Fuel, RD Petroleum, Pacific Fuel Haul, South Fuels and Toll Group.

"Together these companies represent over 80 percent of volume transported by the industry and it is envisioned that the remaining parts of the sector will come on board in the near future," says Committee Chair Derek Foley.

"In terms of addressing issues such as workplace health and safety it makes it far easier for the industry to have information disseminated down through our Committee and on to the individual organisations rather than having company's resources stretched trying to engage with WorkSafe NZ individually, says Foley.

"I'd like to thank WorkSafe NZ for their input into the Committee's work so far, I am encouraged that this will lead to good safe outcomes for our sector."

Road Transport Forum Chief Executive Ken Shirley congratulated the Committee on its work so far.

“As we have seen with the log, petroleum and livestock transport sectors a lot more can be achieved to improve safety, standards and efficiencies once all the key industry players are working together.”

“The whole is always greater than the sum of its parts,” says Shirley.

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