



MEDIA RELEASE

31 AUGUST 2004

TRUST AIDS FARM RECOVERY WITH FREE DIESEL

Farmers badly affected by the recent flooding and landslips are to receive free diesel from the Eastern Bay Energy Trust (EBET), in a special rural relief package announced today.

EBET is working with Shell and its subsidiary Mini Tankers, to supply over 61,000 litres of diesel to the owners of the worst-affected Eastern Bay rural businesses. Farms have been graded according to the level of damage, and farmers will receive either 600 litres, 400 litres or 300 litres of diesel to assist in the clean-up work which is predicted to take several months. The diesel fuel, purchased from Shell at a specially subsidised rate, will be delivered to farms over the next six months.

Trust Chairman Toni Owen said "Much of the clear-up work is being done in remote and rural areas and so is not obvious to the general public. Bulldozers and other heavy machinery use massive amounts of fuel, and this is one way that the Trust can assist with the early economic recovery of the region".

For further information contact

Toni Owen
Chairman, Eastern Bay Energy Trust
Phone 307 1141

Kaye Jamieson, Manager
Manager, Eastern Bay Energy Trust
Phone 307 0893