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GREEN FUEL TRIALS ANOTHER STEP TOWARD NEW INDUSTRY

Business Minister Paul Henderson has welcomed the trial of “green” biodiesel fuel in vehicles in Darwin, saying it was another step toward the creation of a new industry for the Northern Territory.

Territory-based company Ausfuel has joined with Natural Fuels Australia and Charles Darwin University to trial the use of biodiesel fuel in five Darwin buses, buses running daily from Darwin to the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Technology, and in Parks and Wildlife generators.

“Environmentally friendly fuels are the way of the future, and the construction of a \$77 million biodiesel facility by Natural Fuels at East Arm has the Territory well placed to maximise on this emerging industry,” Mr Henderson said.

“Biodiesel has already been shown to be a cleaner burning alternative with great potential to reduce emissions in major industries such as mining, transport and power generation.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to balancing economic growth with sound environmental management and is pleased to lead from the front by including five public transport buses in this trial for cleaner fuel.”

Mr Henderson said outcomes from the trials would be used in developing a consumer awareness campaign of the benefits of biodiesel fuel.

“These trials will not only enhance the Territory’s position as a biodiesel centre, but also promote and highlight the capabilities of researchers and scientists at Charles Darwin University in playing a key role at the cutting edge of a new industry,” he said.

“The Natural Fuels facility at East Arm will be the largest in Australia – with three times the capacity of other Australian plants – and is geographically placed to meet the needs of both Australian and Asian markets as globally we move to a greener future.

“The facility is due to open in September and the Territory stands well placed to maximise on the outcomes of the biodiesel trials in Darwin.”

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