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Immediate shift to E10 petrol needed in Ireland's fuel mix

Offaly Fine Gael TD, Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, has called for a shift to E10 petrol by Irish fuel suppliers as a quick low-cost climate action measure in Irish transport.

Deputy Corcoran Kennedy is a member of the Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action.

“At present, petrol used in Ireland contains 5% bioethanol and is known as E5. This fuel is used in all petrol powered engines across Ireland without any technical difficulties.

“If Ireland is to meet its climate action targets it is hugely important that we transition the national fleet to cleaner, renewable fuels.

“Across Europe, ethanol is widely used in transport fuel and E10 petrol is the top selling petrol brand in France

“Ethanol is made from the fermentation of plant sugars and it is produced in Europe from wheat, maize and beet production across the EU. Bioethanol releases 70% less carbon than standard petrol and its by-product also provides nutritional feedstuffs for livestock which offsets Europe's imports of soya from across the world.

“Transitioning the fuel in Ireland to 10% bioethanol would also further reduce our dependence on volatile global oil markets. The production of ethanol in Europe also creates a significant income stream for tillage farmers.

“I plan to raise this issue with my colleague the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment, Richard Bruton TD. We need to do everything possible to ensure that Ireland's fuel mix is changed to reflect a cleaner renewable approach as soon as possible.”

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