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PUMP UP THE VOLUME NATIONAL FLOW FACILITY LAUNCHED

A national calibration facility newly commissioned by the Federal Government will set the reference standard for bulk measurements of liquid fuels across Australia's petroleum sector.

Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation and Industry Richard Marles said the National Measurement Institute's National Flow Facility provides calibration services for liquid fuel flow meters at accuracies equivalent to the best in the world.

"The National Flow Facility represents a strategically important investment by the Federal Government in the sort of measurement infrastructure that most of us take for granted, but that keeps the wheels turning.

"Ensuring the true quantity of liquid fuel is metered gives consumers confidence and certainty - whether at the bowser or the bulk terminal," Mr Marles said.

Situated in Londonderry in Sydney's west, NMI's new flow facility will calibrate flow meters used for a range of liquid fuels including diesel, petrol, LPG as well as compressed natural gas (CNG).

Member for Lindsay David Bradbury said the new facility was the only one of its kind in Australia and had the capacity to test liquid hydrocarbon flow meters with capacities of up to 4000 litres per minute.

"This important investment alongside the TestSafe facility makes Londonderry a focus for high quality work and I am pleased to see it hosted in our region," Mr Bradbury said. Clients include major operators in the fuel industry as well as importers and manufacturers of fuel measuring instruments. NMI's flow facility also provides calibration services for countries within the region such as New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji.

"This new, specially fitted-out facility enables state-of-the-art instrumentation for flow metering and calibration for the whole of Australia and our region," Mr Marles said.