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Press release: Emergency action on petrol supply

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- . Urged all people in South Australia to take the utmost endeavours to conserve petrol.
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