

NOT 4 SALE

WHY LEASING = Progressive Sale By Stealth

The LNP Government says they will offer 100% privatisation of \$37 billion worth of public assets including the long term leasing (50 + 49 Years) of the public electricity network (Ergon, Energex and Powerlink) What will it mean and how is it different from what we have now? In short it will mean private shareholders will wield massive influence over the operations, cost, safety and reliability of our public owned electricity network. Private companies invest for one reason – to make a profit.

Issues	What we have now with 100% public ownership	After 100% privatisation leases.
Cost	As expensive as power is, Queensland still has lower prices than South Australia and comparable to Victoria as at July 2014.	Massive increases like in SA where private investors seek to maximise their profits , Regional prices will skyrocket as subsidies are cut in search of profit.
Ownership	We the people of Queensland own 100% of Ergon, Energex and Powerlink as well as Stanwell and CS Energy. The Government has said we still own the assets at the end of the lease, but that's not the case in South Australia and the Government says it will not release final details until after the State Election.	In South Australia the companies that build and/or maintain the infrastructure OWN the Infrastructure – progressive sale by stealth.
Service	Community obligation and political pressure ensure there is ongoing public scrutiny and input into service agreements. Services are provided on a regional basis with depots servicing many regional and remote towns. Community and political pressure has meant that recommendations 23 and 29 of the Independent Review Panel have not been implemented. These proposals seek to close and/or privatise 40 regional depots and 33 Isolated Ergon power stations.	Privatisation experiences in SA provide a blueprint of what we can expect; depot closures, job cuts, higher prices as services and maintenance levels are sacrificed with the focus changing from Public Service to Private Profit.
Profits	In the last year, \$1.2bn went back to Govt to fund maintenance, energy and transport subsidies and other projects like schools and hospitals. This will rise into the future. Over the past 10 years every \$1bn invested in infrastructure has made \$40m in profit for the Govt.	Private sector investors from countries like Hong Kong, Singapore and China will share in the profits generated from OUR PUBLIC ASSETS , this will be at the expense of Queenslanders.
Control	100% OF BOARD MEMBERS are appointed by the Govt on behalf of the people of Queensland. If we as Queenslanders don't like what the Govt is doing re: energy policy, we can Vote them out.	Under LNP proposal, Govt's we elect would LOSE CONTROL OF BOARD POSITIONS. Therefore we lose control of our Assets.
Jobs	When managed properly our public electricity industry provides vital training and jobs for thousands of Queenslanders many of them in regional and remote areas where workers' wages provide hundreds of millions of dollars into regional economies.	Jobs, like service and maintenance become secondary to profit as stated by Premier Newman – Job losses is a "Peril of Privatisation"

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