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‘Asset recycling’? ‘Asset leasing’? Queenslanders reject privatisation no matter how its packaged

The Not4Sale campaign has warned Queensland voters to be wary of weasel words employed by proponents of privatisation looking to advocate for asset sales in the lead up to the State Election.

A report in *The Australian* newspaper today said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia and the Infrastructure Association of Queensland had polled Queensland voters on the option of “**asset recycling**” to raise funds for infrastructure, as a softer term to sell privatisation.

The term echoes the efforts of the former Newman Government’s Treasurer Tim Nicholls to rebrand asset sales as “asset leasing” in order to make privatisation more palatable to Queenslanders.

ETU Electricity Supply Industry Coordinator Stuart Traill said “asset recycling” was just another weasel word which wouldn’t wash with Queenslanders who had consistently rejected privatisation.

“We saw at the last election that no matter how the LNP sell privatisation to Queenslanders the voters reject asset sales,” he said.

“This issue was poison for the Bligh Government and it was poison for the Newman Government, and it will be poison for any political party who wants to push asset sales.

“No matter if the LNP package privatisation ‘asset sales’ or ‘asset leasing’ ordinary Queenslanders will vote to keep their public properties in Queensland hands.

“You’d have to be an out of touch ideologue who has been in a coma for ten years to imagine otherwise.”

Already it seems asset recycling is failing to be the neoliberal solution to finally achieving privatisation in Queensland.

Despite *The Australian* article claiming support was “growing” for asset sales, the poll showed less than one fifth of respondents favoured asset recycling as an option to raise funds for infrastructure funding.

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