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CPSA has received 9 queries relating to the Life Support Rebate since the announcement of the proposal to partially lease the poles and wires and 81 queries about electricity more generally. Not all specifically referred to the privatisation of the poles and wires but reflected concerns about price, rebate adequacy and difficulties in dealing with retailers.

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CPSA has a long standing policy pre-dating 1998 against privatisation which states:

“CPSA unequivocally opposes any privatisation the State's core public services, including but not limited to health, education, justice, police, corrective services, utilities, State Emergency Services, State Rail Authority, State Transit Authority, and the Public Trustee.”

This has been reaffirmed from time to time both at CPSA Conferences and by the Executive of the organisation. Most recently CPSA's stance against the privatisation of utilities this was reaffirmed by the CPSA Executive in February 2015 in response to concerns raised about the leasing of the poles and wires and the loss of ongoing revenue to New South Wales.

At no point has any member or Branch of the Association written to CPSA or rung stating that they would like us to take a pro-privatisation stance on anything, including the poles and wires. CPSA brought the issue of the poles and wires privatisation to the attention of members as recently as March 2015 through an article in our monthly publication, *The Voice*, and did not receive any negative feedback on CPSA's policy against the privatisation of the poles and wires.