

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GENTRADER TRANSACTIONS

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Re: Electricity Privatisation (Gentrader Transaction) Inquiry:

I wish to submit the following points to the Electricity Privatisation Inquiry:

- ◆ I believe that power privatisations will have a negative influence on the economy, employment, household power bills and on the environment.
- ◆ This power sell-off is of particular concern because profits from the sale of electricity are being handed over to the private sector, however, many of the financial risks remain with the public.
- ◆ I believe that strategies to reduce NSW's contribution to climate change will be much more difficult and expensive if the private sector has control of the generator outputs. It has been reported that the power industry creates 40% (60 million tonnes CO2 per year) of this state's greenhouse gas emissions.
- ◆ There is risk that household power bills will increase as the gentraders seek to make more profit.
- ◆ There is concern that jobs will be lost after the protection period expires. Call centre work will be sent overseas.
- ◆ It has been reported tha NSW is losing a valuable income stream worth much more than the \$5.3 billion sale price. The assets that have been sold return \$750 million a year which pays for teachers, nurses and hospitals.
- ◆ I believe that the Keneally government has no mandate to sell the gentraders or the retailers. Privatisation was not mentioned during the last election.
- ◆ Opinion polls show that the people of NSW oppose electricity privatisation. Parliament has an obligation to tell the government they should cancel the contracts and keep all of the power industry in public hands.

Of further concern is the resignation of the directors of the state-owned generators, which may be perceived as a measure of how uneconomic the deal is for NSW.

In the public interest, the people of NSW have a right to know what the NSW government has done to their power assets.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Saville