

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO INQUIRY INTO THE LEASING OF
ELECTRICITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

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Rev the Hon Fred Nile ED LTh MLC
Parliament House
Macquarie St Sydney

Dear *Rev Nile*

Electricity security

Technical developments are rapidly changing electricity supply and use. Progressive countries are transitioning from fossil fuel to renewable energy generation.

Energy storage device technology research, development and use are growing. Higher capacity and more efficient batteries are in use. Research provides ongoing improvement. Smart grids are used to assist balance of generation and demand.

The current fragmented NSW electricity generation, storage, connection, development and research should be integrated, with management controlled by a Government "Electricity Commission". This process was effective and efficient after WW2.

PM Baird and investment bankers proposal to further fragmentation of the already fragmented NSW electricity system would lock up progress for 99 years. Chances are they will sell to foreigners after PM Baird recent visits to India and China.

All proposals to sell or lease or part sell/part lease parts of "poles and wires" must be rejected. The logic of different management of country and city exposes other defects in the proposal. Joint management NSW Government interests and profit oriented commercial interests would be fraught with difficulties.

Your endorsement of PM Baird sale of "poles and wires" cost the Christian Democrat Party votes in the 28/03/2015 NSW election.

Your loaded enquiry will erode support for CDP.

Investment bankers are in the business of shuffling money (and collecting fees for themselves) to benefit big business.

Have you consulted with the Engineering profession ? You may wish to contact Engineers Australia units such as the "Sustainable Engineering Society (SEng)" and the "Electrical & ITE College Sydney Branch".

All privatisation and sales of Government assets have disadvantaged the public. As an example check the O'Farrell/Baird lease of the desalination plant.

Lease of the plant last year to a private company (half foreign) for \$2.3 billion means residents are locked into paying about \$10 billion in fees for the next 50 years, whether the plant is operating or not. This will be increased if water is produced. Half of this goes to foreigners. At the end of lease the lessees own the plant and site outright.

Will you please state publicly and clearly for the benefit of all NSW and the Christian Democrat Party that you will oppose any sale, lease of fragmentation of the NSW electricity system.

Yours faithfully,

J F Brett

cc George Capsis

Congratulations to you and your campaign team for tackling an entrenched Liberal, by publicising your policies. Well done. Our publicised policies to stop sale/lease of parts of "poles and wires" were short circuited by the Fred Nile approach.

cc President Christian Democratic Party - PO Box 8456
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For your information. Could you please develop CDP policy to stop sale/lease of publicly owned critical security sensitive electricity "poles and wires" or other components.