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**INQUIRY INTO LEASING OF ELECTRICITY
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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It is a disgrace that it is even being considered to sell or lease the Poles and Wires. How will reliability, safety and job security of these very important workers be guaranteed under private operators? It can't which is exactly what happens when governments sell essential infrastructure.

Look at the deadly bushfires in victoria, enron and all the other examples of how privatisation has gone wrong with electricity. The recent storms and the wonderful work of the state employees should highlight why this needs to be kept as a government owned network. We don't care about roads if the we have to sell off electricity to get them. What is the point of more toll roads if your electricity supply is unsafe,unreliable and maintained by unskilled,unaccountable fools? Keep this in Government hands. The people own it and have paid for it and it is not upto a bunch of politicians to sell it.