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Energy Minister called on to rule out "hypothetical" energy asset sale

Somewhat bizarrely, Energy Minister Mark McArdle yesterday went on the record yesterday stating that Costello Commission of Audit report amounts to no more than "hypothetical asset-sales policies" for the Government, despite the report clearly advocating for the sale of energy assets.

This follows on the comments made over the weekend to the media where the Minister stated there was a "a strong argument to indicate that holding these assets in state control and looking at better and long-term efficiencies is a solution that should not be thrown off the table"

The Services Union Acting Secretary Jennifer Thomas called on the Minister to categorically rule out any sale and work in collaboration with unions and other stakeholders to address issues such as power prices, network investment and energy market regulation.

"The Minister has an opportunity to back up his words with action by immediately ruling out any sale of state energy assets. This will provide certainty to Queenslanders broadly and to the thousands of workers in the energy sector whose jobs would be under threat in any sale." Ms Thomas said.

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