

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Privatisation - Won't Deliver For Queensland's Future!

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Privatisation plans announced in the State Budget will mean more job losses and less job security for Queenslanders, according to The Services Union.

The Services Union, which represents members at Government Owned Corporations (GOCs), have already witnessed the devastating affect privatisation has had on Queenslanders under the previous government.

Secretary of The Services Union Neil Henderson said the Newman Government's privatisation plans were short sighted.

"Privatising revenue-generating assets is nonsensical," Mr Henderson said.

"We've recently seen real consequences of privatisation with over 400 job losses at Aurizon, which the Premier himself admitted is part and parcel of the process."

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"If governments continue to privatise Queensland assets, we will see more job losses across the State, which will have real consequences for our communities."

"These assets generate revenue for Queensland and should remain in public hands to finance infrastructure and deliver services for our children and the future of Queensland. It's a crazy choice to sell off our kids' future, but that's what this Government is doing."

"Families rely on their employment at the GOCs to put food on the table. They send their children to local schools and buy their goods and services from local businesses. Any further job losses will be detrimental to local economies and they are an inevitable consequence of privatisation."

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### LOCAL INFORMATION

#### GLADSTONE:

- Privatisation of the Port of Brisbane under the previous State Government led to 45 per cent of that workforce losing their jobs. This will have even wider repercussions for the Gladstone community, with the Port being one of the biggest employers in the region.
- Last financial year, the Gladstone Corporation generated \$57.4 million of revenue which went back to the State Government and thus Queenslanders. This revenue has increased by almost \$20 million over the last two years alone, with \$42.08 million generating in 2009/2010.
- Restructures and outsourcing at Ergon have resulted in over 200 job losses in Central Queensland since the Newman Government came to office in 2012.

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## **ROCKHAMPTON**

- GOCs are one of the biggest employers in Central Queensland and many of these employers are on the chopping block to be privatised by direct sale, long term lease and stealth – the Gladstone Ports Corporation, Stanwell Power Station and Ergon.
- The Services Union has members in Central Queensland who work in GOCs such as Ergon whose lives have already been disrupted due to restructures and outsourcing; this is all part of this Government's privatisation by stealth agenda.
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## **DARLING DOWNS**

- The Services Union has members on the Darling Downs who work for GOCs such as Stanwell and Ergon, whose lives have already been disrupted due to restructures and outsourcing.
- Last year over 120 jobs were axed at Tarong Power Station near Nanango. This had a very real flow on affect for the local community, hitting local businesses, schools, hospitals and housing affordability. In addition to this, 35 positions were axed at Ergon in Toowoomba earlier this year.
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## **IPSWICH**

- The Newman Government has announced plans to close down Swanbank E Power Station later in the year, which will result in over 30 job losses.
- Over 400 job losses at Aurizon in Redbank have been recently announced, which Premier Newman has described as a direct result of privatisation.
- We have many members in the Ipswich area who work in GOCs such as Energex and Stanwell whose lives have been already disrupted due to site closures, restructures and outsourcing.

## **NORTH QUEENSLAND**

- Aurizon, which was privatised under the previous government, has recently announced 100 jobs will be lost in the next 12 months in Townsville.
- Restructures and outsourcing at Ergon have resulted in almost 300 job losses in North Queensland since the Newman Government came to office in 2012.