

MEDIA RELEASE

Queenslanders Reject Privatisation

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In the latest in a mounting series of poll results, Queenslanders continue to be unequivocal in their rejection of any plans to privatise essential government services.

A recent poll survey found that a staggering 70 percent of people approached opposed the sale of state assets to repay debt and on the specific issue of energy privatisation 70 percent of people believe that power prices will increase if energy assets are sold.

Services Union Secretary Ms Kath Nelson said the results send a clear message to the Government.

"Queenslanders don't want privatisation. It's as simple as that. These results show that a vast majority are steadfastly against privatisation of essential services like power, transport, health and education. Even the LNPs own voters are against privatisation."

"People clearly are not being swayed by Peter Costello's audit report findings. The only question is whether or not the Government has any respect for their wishes."

"People know that privatisation is not in their interests and does not deliver better services and power prices are a perfect example of what to expect. The evidence from other states shows clearly that prices will increase after privatisation" Ms Nelson said.

Queensland is already facing a massive 21.4 percent hike this year due to the Government's inability to deliver on the key election promise to control cost of living pressures.

"The Government needs to immediately rule out any energy sector sales or job cuts and then get on with protecting consumers from this massive price hike."

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– FINAL RESULTS –

ReachTEL conducted a survey of 1,215 Queensland residents on the night of 19th March 2013.

Question

Peter Costello has released his Commission of Audit report whereby he made a recommendation for the Newman Government to sell State assets. Do you support the Queensland Government selling State assets to repay debt?

	Total	LNP	ALP	KAP	GRE	OTH
Support	21.1%	37.2%	6.6%	4.0%	2.2%	7.5%
Oppose	69.9%	51.3%	88.0%	93.7%	83.1%	83.0%
Undecided	9.0%	11.6%	5.4%	2.4%	14.6%	9.4%

Question

If power assets owned by the Queensland Government were to be sold and privatised, do you believe this would increase or decrease the price of power?

	Total	LNP	ALP	KAP	GRE	OTH
Increase	69.8%	61.2%	83.7%	74.8%	75.3%	52.8%
Decrease	12.5%	16.1%	8.9%	7.9%	3.4%	20.8%
Stay the same	7.3%	9.7%	3.1%	11.8%	4.5%	3.8%
Undecided	10.3%	12.9%	4.3%	5.5%	16.9%	22.6%

This survey was conducted using an automated telephone based survey system among 1,215 voters. Telephone numbers and the person within the household were selected at random. The results have been weighted by gender and age to reflect the population according to ABS figures. Please note that due to rounding, not all tables necessarily total 100% and subtotals may also vary. Copyright ReachTEL Pty Ltd.

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