

# POWER SELLOFF CON JOB

## What it means to you

As the sole shareholder of 4 electricity companies the NSW Government puts the profits into general revenue. That means less tax for us.

At the last election the Liberals were asked how they would pay for election promises given there was no money left by the previous Labor government. They said they would sell electricity but only 49% of it.

The previous Labor Government had proposed a 100% sell off but couldn't get this past the union control in the Labor Party.

Privatisation of government assets is hugely unpopular with unions and other electors because it has invariably meant job losses and higher prices.

With the price of electricity dramatically rising already from Labor's Carbon Tax and Mining Tax, voters did not support privatised power; not in rural NSW; and not even in the cities.

When the Liberals said 'we will only sell 49% of it' voters took this mean the government would still have control to regulate prices, job losses etc.



**100% SOLD**

**TRANSGRID** operates the main high voltage networks across NSW and ACT . It is a monopoly and the most profitable company.



**50.4% sold**

**ENDEAVOUR ENERGY** operates across Western Sydney and the South Coast. It makes a healthy profit.



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**AUSGRID**, formerly Energy Australia, operates across Sydney, Central Coast and Hunter regions. It makes a healthy profit.



**Formerly  
Country Energy  
NOT SOLD**

Essential Energy (formerly Country Energy) will not be sold. **It accounts for 51% of the poles and wires covering 3/4 of NSW. So the government can say it is only selling 49% of electricity poles and wire.** However Essential Energy is not a business model you could sell. Who would buy an asset where the maintenance is more than the profit

from operations! Essential Energy is the least profitable company. It is one of the largest employers in regional NSW with 4,000 employees based in over 100 depots and regional offices. Maintenance of the poles and wires in rural NSW is subsidised by profitable city based electricity operations. Essential Energy will now have to be subsidised by taxpayers.

## Swapping profits from electricity companies for tolls from taxpayers



### Define 49%

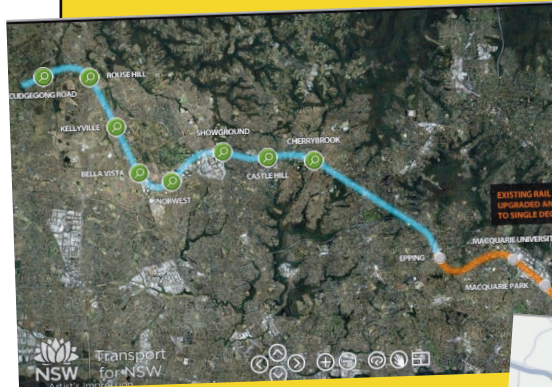
Country Energy accounts for 51% of the poles and wires but not 51% of the profit to government. Selling the majority of 3 companies but not the 4th company allows the government to claim they are only 'selling 49% of it'.

To add to our bills, street lighting in Penrith is going back to the Council to maintain, which is just cost shifting from our electricity bills to our council rates.

Meanwhile the new owners of 3 electricity companies are free to cut jobs, raise prices and reduce maintenance. When black outs occur (as has happened in other countries) future taxpayers have to foot the bill for back dated maintenance.

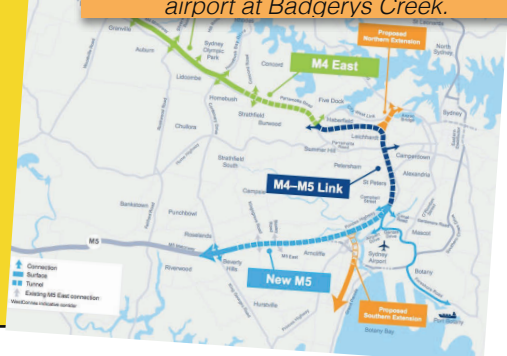
It is the elected Government's job to ensure vital services are cost effectively provided and maintained properly with annual

## PROCEEDS FROM SALE TO FUND NORTH WEST RAIL LINK AND WESTCONNEX



The West Connex is part of a missing link from the M4 to the city that has been proposed for over 50 years. After 4 years in government the contracts aren't signed. To make up profits from sold electrical companies we have to pay a toll on the M4 again.

The north west rail link started by Labor is the only infrastructure the Liberals can physically show after 4 years in government. In comparison Barangaroo started in May 2014 by a private company is a \$5 billion project nearing completion. This government can't manage major projects by the time we need them to be operating. Don't trust the road infrastructure to be there for an airport at Badgerys Creek.



budgets providing for future asset replacement. We are just getting higher electricity prices, higher rates AND tolls with this deal.

## Another con job on price

The \$20 billion sale price is another con job. The price earnings ratios value these assets at \$13 billion but the government is adding in the \$2

billion it will get from the Federal government's asset recycling program and \$5 billion it will get from interest saving because it won't spend the \$13 billion for 10 years.

If the government sells it for more than \$13m then the new owner has paid too much and will do everything to increase profits to match that price. We will pay higher prices for electricity.

## ROAD FUNDING WESTERN SYDNEY RIPPED OFF AGAIN

Of the many millions of dollars collected from motorists nothing is spent on roads. Motorists still have to wait on general revenues to repair, widen, or make new roads.

Instead motorists money is spent moving the RTA building from York Road to the RMS building in High St where more tasks have to be done with less parking and twice the on costs of building up keep.

Jackie would ensure all the money raised from motorists goes into roads and public transport, not general revenue

Rego fee (done on line so really just another tax) **\$62 ++**  
 Motor Vehicle tax from 1 Jan 15 **\$200 for 1tonne, \$628 for 2.5 tonne**  
 Transfer fee (on line) **\$31-\$141**  
 Stamp duty **3% of value to 45K then 5% after \$1450**  
 Fuel excise levy (now indexed with inflation) **38.1c per litre**  
**GST on fuel** (as fuel goes up so does tax collected) **10% including excise ie for every \$1 in fuel nearly 50 cents is tax!!**  
 Traffic fines **\$350 million**

**Jackie Kelly won't vote for the sale of any electricity company - please vote 1 for Jackie Kelly**