

**STOP THE NSW  
POWER SELL OFF**  
**POLES & WIRES  
NOT 4 SALE**

# The NSW **electricity system.** How it works & who owns it

## **ELECTRICITY RETAILERS**



Retailers are private companies that we buy our electricity from.

In the past the NSW Government has regulated how much these companies can charge but on 1 July, 2014 the NSW Liberal/National Government removed these consumer protections to allow retailers to charge whatever they like.

## **ELECTRICITY GENERATORS**



The NSW Liberal/National Government have privatised the publicly owned power stations including Delta Electricity, Eraring Energy and Macquarie Generation.

Snowy Hydro is also a publicly owned electricity generator. The NSW and Federal Government Commission of Audit say that this iconic public asset should also be privatised.

## **TRANSMISSION NETWORK**



The Transmission Network (TransGrid) is publicly owned and forms part of the "poles and wires".

TransGrid transports high voltage electricity from the power stations to the distribution network. TransGrid is a natural monopoly and is extremely profitable – there cannot be any competition in this part of the industry.

**NSW Premier Mike Baird wants to privatise TransGrid if the Liberal and Nationals are re-elected in 2015.**

## **DISTRIBUTION NETWORK**



The Distribution Network (Ausgrid, Essential Energy and Endeavour Energy) are publicly owned. These are the poles and wires that run down every street delivering electricity to your home.

These publicly owned companies are natural monopolies and are extremely profitable – there cannot be any competition in this part of the industry.

**NSW Premier Mike Baird wants to privatise Ausgrid, Essential Energy and Endeavour Energy if the Liberal and Nationals are re-elected in 2015.**

**If the NSW Liberals and Nationals privatise our electricity network it will mean **higher prices** and **poorer service** for all NSW residents.**

**On 28 March vote to STOP electricity privatisation.  
Don't vote Liberal or National.**

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