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## Poll: consumers in states with privatised power say prices now higher and they would support a public by-back

### FINAL RESULTS

ReachTEL conducted a survey of 1,129 residents across Victoria. The survey was conducted during the night of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

*Generally speaking do you believe Victorians are better or worse off with a privatised electricity network?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
Better off	13.8%	12.9%	14.8%	19.0%	11.4%	10.1%	14.0%
Worse off	66.7%	64.1%	69.3%	55.0%	72.3%	76.3%	64.8%
About the same	19.5%	22.9%	15.9%	25.9%	16.3%	13.6%	21.2%

*Do you believe electricity prices are cheaper when the electricity network is owned by the Government and not by private companies?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
Cheaper	65.0%	62.0%	68.2%	58.5%	69.6%	67.2%	65.5%
About the same	19.7%	21.2%	18.1%	19.0%	16.9%	22.7%	21.6%
More expensive	15.3%	16.9%	13.7%	22.5%	13.6%	10.2%	12.9%

*Which of the following statements do you agree with most?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
The electricity network should be publicly owned and operated by the government	87.5%	86.9%	88.1%	90.5%	86.8%	87.1%	83.5%
Private companies should own and run the electricity network	12.5%	13.1%	11.9%	9.5%	13.2%	12.9%	16.5%

Would you support the Victorian government buying back the electricity network to return it to full public ownership?

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>18-34</b>	<b>35-50</b>	<b>51-65</b>	<b>65+</b>
<i>Yes</i>	73.0%	69.9%	76.3%	70.9%	77.7%	73.8%	67.5%
<i>No</i>	13.4%	11.7%	15.1%	19.0%	9.3%	10.9%	13.4%
<i>Undecided</i>	13.6%	18.4%	8.6%	10.1%	13.0%	15.2%	19.1%

## FINAL RESULTS

ReachTEL conducted a survey of 1,146 residents across South Australia. The survey was conducted during the night of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

### Question:

*Generally speaking do you believe South Australians are better or worse off with a privatised electricity network?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
Better off	8.1%	6.6%	9.7%	10.3%	9.3%	5.7%	6.8%
Worse off	74.1%	72.7%	75.5%	66.6%	74.7%	82.1%	73.9%
About the same	17.8%	20.6%	14.8%	23.1%	16.0%	12.2%	19.4%

### Question:

*Do you believe electricity prices are cheaper when the electricity network is owned by the Government and not by private companies?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
Cheaper	65.2%	58.3%	72.4%	63.2%	63.9%	70.6%	62.4%
About the same	20.7%	22.8%	18.5%	24.3%	16.7%	19.4%	23.5%
More expensive	14.1%	18.9%	9.1%	12.5%	19.4%	10.0%	14.0%

### Question:

*Which of the following statements do you agree with most?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
<i>The electricity network should be publicly owned and operated by the government</i>	83.0%	82.1%	83.9%	79.8%	79.9%	90.0%	83.3%
<i>Private companies should own and run the electricity network</i>	17.0%	17.9%	16.1%	20.2%	20.1%	10.0%	16.7%

### Question:

*Would you support the South Australian government buying back the electricity network to return it to full public ownership?*

	Total	Female	Male	18-34	35-50	51-65	65+
Yes	70.9%	63.2%	79.0%	67.9%	68.8%	76.4%	71.0%
No	9.7%	9.5%	9.9%	6.2%	15.4%	5.7%	11.3%
Undecided	19.4%	27.3%	11.1%	25.9%	15.7%	17.9%	17.6%

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