

ITEM NO: 12

SUBJECT: PRIVATISATION OF THE NSW POWER INDUSTRY

FILE NO: F00088

By Councillor Terri Hamilton:

That the Council request a brief report formulating the Blue Mountains local government policy position that can then be presented to the NSW Government on the privatisation of the NSW power industry.

Background

The report should consider that:

1. Council strongly opposes the NSW Government’s plans to privatise NSW’s publicly owned electricity retailers and enter into long-term leases of the State’s generators.
2. There may be likely impacts to the Council and LGA in their commitment to Green power and identify the key issues in this respect.
3. A letter from the General Manager, to be sent as soon as possible, to Premier Morris Iemma stating:
 - (a) That Council strongly opposes the State Government’s proposal to privatise and lease the NSW power industry.
 - (b) That Council supports its community and, in particular, the significant number of people employed in the power industry by expressing its opposition to the State Government’s proposal to privatise and lease the NSW power industry.
 - (c) That Council calls on the NSW Government to better manage NSW’s future energy needs and take urgent action in response to climate change by investing in energy efficiency in homes and businesses and increasing its renewable energy targets.
 - (d) That a copy of this letter be forwarded to the Member for the Blue Mountains, Mr Phil Koperberg, asking for his support in this matter.

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