



Queensland Small Business views on Asset Privatisation



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– FINAL RESULTS –

ReachTEL conducted a survey of 1,069 Queensland small business owners on the night of 15th May 2014.

Filter question:

Are you a small business owner?

Yes	Included
No	Excluded

Question 1:

Queensland's debt is forecast to reach \$80 billion by 2015-16. If the State Government commits to paying down this debt, which of the following actions would you support most?

	Total	Metro	Rural
<i>Reduce government services</i>	67.3%	66.2%	70.0%
<i>Increase taxes</i>	16.2%	17.4%	13.0%
<i>Sell assets</i>	16.6%	16.4%	17.0%

Question 2:

If you had to decide between increasing business taxes and selling assets to pay down government debt, which would you choose?

	Total	Metro	Rural
<i>Increase business taxes</i>	39.0%	40.2%	36.0%
<i>Sell assets</i>	61.0%	59.8%	64.0%





Question 3 – 6 container:

Would you support the sale of the following State Government assets?

Question 3:

Electricity generation (eg. power stations)?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Yes</i>	35.1%	34.9%	35.7%
<i>No</i>	64.9%	65.1%	64.3%

Question 4:

Electricity network and distribution (eg. poles and wires)?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Yes</i>	38.5%	40.1%	34.7%
<i>No</i>	61.5%	59.9%	65.3%

Question 5:

Transport infrastructure (eg. ports, roads, airports and rail)?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Yes</i>	39.2%	38.0%	42.3%
<i>No</i>	60.8%	62.0%	57.7%



Question 6:

What impact do you think the sale of electricity and transport assets to the private sector will have on prices?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Increase prices</i>	62.6%	65.3%	55.7%
<i>Decrease prices</i>	22.4%	21.1%	25.7%
<i>No impact on prices</i>	15.1%	13.7%	18.7%

Question 7:

What impact do you think the sale of electricity and transport assets to the private sector will have on the standard of associated services?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Improve services</i>	38.4%	38.9%	37.3%
<i>Deteriorate services</i>	46.8%	47.9%	44.0%
<i>No impact on services</i>	14.8%	13.3%	18.7%

Question 8:

Which of the following influences your views on electricity and transport asset sales the most?

	<i>Total</i>	<i>Metro</i>	<i>Rural</i>
<i>Impact on price and services</i>	25.4%	26.3%	23.0%
<i>How the proceeds of asset sales will be used</i>	28.3%	28.0%	29.3%
<i>Belief that Government should be the owner of these assets</i>	46.3%	45.8%	47.7%

This survey was conducted using an automated telephone based survey system among 1,069 Queensland small business owners. 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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