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**To:** Retail Electricity Inquiry  
**Subject:** Impact of debt transfer on electricity prices in Queensland and bill transparency

To Whom it May Concern

1. The transfer of \$4.1b of state debt onto distributors [REDACTED] in 2015 must have increased electricity prices to consumers in Queensland.

Can the ACCC please address the impact on Qld electricity prices. Consumers have a right to know.

2. Consumers should be aware of the effect of government dividends on their electricity prices. Dividends are paid by the generators and the network operator, all government owned in Queensland.

The dividends are in effect an electricity tax. The GST is then applied to this tax which is double taxation.

The government 'tax' should be displayed clearly on electricity bills as separate items. Generation Tax and Distribution Tax. This will inform customers of the amount the customer is paying in state electricity tax. Transparency is the best control over prices.

Sincerely

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