

I, John Stephen Hall,
petitioner which contains

signatures.

in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this

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PETITION IN RELATION TO SYNERGY COMPETING WITH PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia are opposed to Synergy (a 100%, heavily subsidised state owned enterprise, having an effective monopoly in retailing electricity to the vast majority of the population of Western Australia) in competing with private enterprise in the supply and installation of solar power systems to the general public, and thereby having a competitive advantage detrimental to those employed in the Renewable Energy industry of Western Australia.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to:

1. "Investigate whether the state government has breached the Policy Statement on Competitive Neutrality of which it is a signatory, where it states *"The objective of competitive neutrality policy is the elimination of resource allocation distortions arising out of the public ownership of entities engaged in significant business activities: Government businesses should not enjoy any net competitive advantage simply as a result of their public sector ownership"*.
2. "Investigate whether it is in the public interest for an effectively state owned monopoly enterprise to compete openly against private enterprise companies in the renewable energy sector"
3. "Investigate Synergy's conflict of interest (where Synergy is also the sole source of connection approvals for renewable energy power systems to their SWIS electrical network and for approval for the Renewable Energy Buyback Scheme) when dealing with private enterprise.
4. "Investigate why the Minister for Energy has abandoned his own political party's constitution, where under section 4 (h) of this constitution it clearly states as an objective: *"To promote genuine free enterprise as an alternative to socialism and state corporatism"*, and the Liberal Party Belief that: *"In Government, keeping to its core business and not competing with the private sector"*
5. "Investigate what steps the Minister will ensure that Synergy will **not** use its dominant position to hamper/slowdown private enterprise efforts to gain access to customer information (such as interval data) and then approach the customer once they become aware the customer is interested in systems"

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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