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QUEENSLAND CAN'T KEEP REJECTING REALITY ON ASSET RECYCLING

Queensland's major political parties are rejecting reality by ruling out the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's proposal to split and sell state-owned power generations to cut electricity prices, says industry think tank [Infrastructure Partnerships Australia](http://www.infrastructurepartnerships.org.au).

"The competition watchdog's proposal yesterday to move to a modern ownership model in Queensland's generation assets is another reason why the State needs to set a path to asset recycling," said Infrastructure Partnerships Australia, Chief Executive Adrian Dwyer.

"What the last few years have shown us is that asset recycling works. South of the border, asset recycling has revitalised the NSW budget and led to record after record infrastructure investment, not to mention the largest surpluses in the country.

"Queensland's major political parties can't keep rejecting reality on asset recycling. Recycling the State's generation assets will maximise competition in the electricity market and deliver much needed roads, rail lines, schools and hospitals for the state.

"Treasurer Jackie Trad delivered an impressive pipeline of infrastructure funding in difficult fiscal circumstances, but Queensland is missing out on a big infrastructure boom with a blanket rejection of asset recycling," Mr Dwyer said.

Infrastructure Partnerships Australia is the peak body for Australia's infrastructure sector, providing independent policy research focused on excellence in social and economic infrastructure.

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