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I believe you need to be very careful in how you manage WA's energy market into the future. The current amendments to the Access Code are necessary and should be undertaken.

But the role of government is to provide essential services that cannot, or should not, be subject to competition. Anything that is a monopoly, an essential service, or that requires an immense capital outlay to enter the market, should be managed by government and not privatised - unless government is prepared to remain in the market to provide a cost-effective, no-frills service. We have repeatedly seen large corporations gouging consumers and keeping out small business. It is best demonstrated in the banking sector and is seen in the Health sector (although the public health system undoubtedly curbs the worst excesses of private health care systems - compare us to the USA on health care to see what could be).

A stable, cheap source of electricity is a basic human right. You have already meddled with the market by offering perverse incentives for PV installation. Everyone could see that subsidies of 40c/kwh were unsustainable, and those of us who do not believe in government subsidies stayed out of that one - partly because the capital outlay based on such extravagant subsidies seemed risky to those of us with mortgages, partly because investing in what is essentially 50 year old technology is not really a long term solution to Earth's energy needs. More fool us. At least the folly of feed-in tariffs was recognised reasonably early on. But now you have created a dismal landscape where no one needs baseload power, we have an excess of supply most of the time, but have to prepare for periods when we will need every kwh of fossil fuel generation we can muster. The security of the grid is being jeopardised through interconnections of inverters to the internet while also publicising electricity demand data meaning that our market requirements will be parsed to anyone that is interested. The climate sensitivity to CO2 has clearly been over estimated and natural

