



**MAYOR'S NEWS**

MARK DAVIES

**What you want**

Extensive consultation with our community over the past 12 months told us what you want to see in our City as it grows over the next 20 years or so.

You said the top priorities for Penrith are more local jobs and making sure we have the infrastructure we need.

These are two issues I am personally very committed to and have made a priority for my Mayoral term. Transport and access around the City, having safe and vibrant centres and neighbourhoods as well as a healthy environment are also important.

The Penrith Community Plan sets out these directions and aspirations. The Plan also recognises our important role as advocates for the investment and services we need our partners and other levels of government to provide.

The Community Plan is now on exhibition, along with the supporting documents that set out how we'll make it happen. It's available on our website [penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://penrithcity.nsw.gov.au) and Council offices for review and comment until May 28.

# Power of advertising

## But Penrith MP labels billboard a "scare campaign"

KATHERINE TWEED

The bright yellow billboard catching the eyes of motorists as they travel eastbound along the Great Western Highway should be doing more than just turning heads, says a group of concerned union officials.

The billboard, launched last week, is part of a campaign encouraging local residents to educate themselves on the privatisation of electricity and if it is agreed on, what it means for the future.

The campaign comes ahead of the release of a NSW Government report into how an electricity network privatisation transaction may take place.

Placed on one of Penrith's busiest major roads, in close proximity to the Northern Road intersection, the billboard is set to get many locals thinking.

"This road never stops day and night, there is always traffic coming along here," said Penrith Valley Community Unions member and Public Services Association (PSA) organiser, Sharon Vassar.

"This will be lit up at night so it doesn't matter what time you come by, you can't help but see it."

Union officials believe selling 'poles and wires' to private companies is "counter productive" and will elevate electricity prices to a new high.

They are calling on local members to declare their stance on the issue.

"We want the government to come up and tell their story; are they going to privatise it or not? Be up front. If they are



Sharon Vassar (PVCU), Ian Braithwaite (PSA), Mark Buttigieg (ETU) and Tim Vollmer.

going to privatise it, tell us when and why. They say no but in the background they are," said Ian Braithwaite, organiser for the PSA.

State Member for Penrith, Stuart Ayres, said that the Government's position is clear.

"The NSW Liberals and Nationals went

to the last election with a commitment not to sell the State's electricity network's 'poles and wires'. That election commitment has not changed," he said.

"[This] is nothing more than an unfounded scare campaign."

For more information on the campaign, visit [www.stoptheselloff.org.au](http://www.stoptheselloff.org.au).

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## Another Winner Thanks to Penrith Homemaker Centre

Lucky Penrith shopper Jason Crljenic forgot he had even entered the competition until he was told he had won the sixth 42 inch LG Cinema 3D Smart HD television worth \$900, just for shopping at Penrith Homemaker Centre.

The local shopping complex, located on Mulgoa Road near the M4, are giving shoppers a chance to win one of 10 LG HD televisions if they purchase an item from any of the participating Penrith Homemaker Centre stores and fill in the coupon.

Mr Crljenic said initially he was reluctant to go into the draw because he never wins anything but was persuaded

by the sales assistant at The Interior Outlet to do so.

"I forgot I had entered the competition actually, so it was really surprising when I got the call... I never win anything," he said.

"I've already set up my new TV in the lounge room and it's perfect for watching rugby league."

Mr Crljenic gets a another chance to win big, with his entry to be included in the major draw to win a \$50,000 prize. One lucky winner will take it all home on May 31.

Mr Crljenic purchased his item for the draw from The Interior Outlet, where he bought bedside tables.

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