

Regarding points 6,10 and 11 of the ERA issues on SUPP:

6. Apart from the obvious added streetscape amenity, underground lines are more protected from the elements and the ravages of ageing infrastructure (pole top fires etc) thus offering greater security of supply and minimisation of maintenance costs.

10. Benefits of underground power are shared between consumers (reliability and safety), suppliers (reliability and cost) and taxpayers (subsidies).

11. Funding should be apportioned according to a formula whereby the shares are proportional to the benefits. Somewhere around 50/50 would be a good starting point (consumer/supplier). Elderly consumers should be given the option to have their share taken either from their estate or the proceeds of the sale of their property - whichever comes first.

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