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I wish to make the following Submission to the Impact of Competition Policy Reforms Inquiry.

First of all I was not consulted on this Hilmer report, and as well I didn't give my consent.

I consider it morally wrong for a government to call to be elected, and then proceed to govern as it likes, as it did in adopting the report.

This was also the case in Victoria and it is here I have had first hand witness to the impact.

I worked on laying underground electric power cables. We found countless cases of corners and short cuts being taken by contractors, to cut costs and time , at most times completely ignoring safety aspects. As if this wasn't bad enough, large gaps were left between concrete slabs, sufficient for a back-hoe digging up the work, to risk a very bad accident.

Recently our water main burst, and the water repair authority cut the gas to a neighbour's supply. The water authority did a good job repairing, but they had to send for a crew from 50 kms away to reconnect the gas.

The water crew had to wait for the gas crew to come and repair, before they could fill in the hole. There was no locals because of competition policy.

Yours faithfully

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