



Consumer Interest Test

Re: Privatization

1. Does the plan privatize into a monopoly?

This test is important because the economic evidence shows that the main thrust for much “privatization” comes from agents seeking monopoly profits - not competition.

2. Will there be free entry?

This is related to #1 because those allowed to sell will have many reasons why other sellers should not be permitted to operate. Will the rules be the same for all sellers? Will there be a level playing field?

3. Is the process transparent?

Does the process allow parliament, citizens, etc, to see what is happening? Does one have to search at great cost to discover which decisions are being made, where they are being made, and why?

4. Are consumers consulted & represented early in the privatization process?

Is the consumer interest in health and safety, information, and access to justice acknowledged, represented and protected?

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