**To the ACCC,**

**Holroyd City Council strongly objects to the proposal by Australia Post to increase their postage rates for letters and parcels by 43% from 1 January 2016.**

**The basic postage rate is proposed to be increased from 70c to $1 per standard letter and as well as these increases they are proposing to change delivery from next day delivery in the metropolitan area to delivery in 3 business days.**

**These proposals appear to be excessive and will have a dramatic effect on Council’s outgoing mail budget and directly impact on the efficient delivery of letters to our communities.**

**We strongly urge that this proposal, for the increase of the basic postal rate by 43%, be rejected on the grounds of its major impact on Council budgets and the recommendation to effectively delay delivery by up to 3 days will also result in the perception of poor customer service offered to our ratepayers by Council.**

**Best regards – Ian Aird**

**Corporate Information Coordinator**

**Holroyd City Council**