

ADELONG COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES INC

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Mr Robert Wright,
General Manager – Water and Wireline Markets,
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission,
GPO Box 520
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Dear Sir,

RE LICENSED POST OFFICE – BASIC POSTAGE RATE.

I am writing in support of an increase of the basic postage rate and wish to explain what it means to us.

The ADELONG LICENSED POST OFFICE is owned by the local community through a community not for profit organisation. Adelong is a town of 900 people. The previous owner of the LPO was going to close the Post Office as he had been losing money for some time and could not continue to operate a loss business.

Closing the Post Office would have had a severely detrimental effect on our small town.

Thus, the not for profit community group took over the operations.

The LPO continues to operate at a loss.

The only reason it continues is through the financial grants provided by the Local Bendigo Community Bank.

There is no guarantee the Adelong LPO can continue to operate as there is no guarantee of continued financial support by way of grants.

An increase in our income will help us to profitability and thus, the Post Office will continue to remain open.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Watson".

Peter Watson
Treasurer