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Dear Mr Wright

#### Australia Post Draft Price Notification

I refer to the draft price notification lodged by Australia Post on 28 August 2015 with the ACCC proposing to increase the basic postage rate and vary delivery timetables.

Whilst the Shire acknowledges recently reported changes regarding consumer's use of postal services and the subsequent decline of standard mail delivery due to other mediums, the proposal presented by Australia Post is expected to increase our annual postage costs by at least 49.23%.

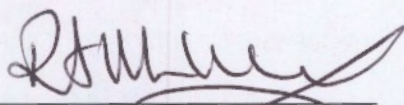
Increases at this level are not sustainable and costs will need to be recovered from the community, if approved. The increase indicated is well above inflation and in the Shires view it would not be in the best interest of the public to support such a significant change.

Preferably Australia Post should look at modifying its business profile to offset losses against the significant increases in mail volume that have occurred in parcel delivery, or reduce costs by internal review.

I trust the comments provided will be taken into consideration and I am confident that other stakeholders will have a similar position.

If you wish to discuss this matter further please contact me on (08) 9531 7718.

Yours faithfully



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