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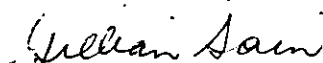
Dear Jill

The above Branch asks for your assistance in bringing to the attention of the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission our strong objections to the proposed price increase in standard letter postage.

- i. A 'Special Dividend' from Australia Post's profits has been siphoned off by the Federal Government after its normal dividend. The ordinary citizens should not have to pay for this with increased postal charges.
- ii. Parcel charges have increased substantially over the last few years.
- iii. The announcement so soon after a Federal election is suspect.
- iv. Fancy collectors' designs for postage stamps should not have to be paid for by ordinary consumers using stamps for mailing only.

We believe the ACCC's careful scrutiny of the proposal should make sure it will be disallowed.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely



Mrs Gillian Sain,
Hon Secretary