

SUBMISSION TO ACCC

AUSTRALIA POST PRICE NOTIFICATION 2010

The Consumers' Association of WA (Inc) strongly opposes any price rise by Australia Post in 2010 or at any time in the near future due to the recent rise in 2008.

With the rise in 2008 the cost of postage for letters rose by 5cents and it seems that Australia Post finds that amount a bonus rather than asking for a 2 cent rise for example. Yes, how convenient.

It seems that the ACCC did not set a fixed term between the last rise and when Australia Post could approach them again and this is deplorable and should be kept in mind.

The key issue in this debate is COMMUNITY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS and I note Australia Post is undertaking a review to ensure it meets these.

If so when, we ask, will they have a CONSUMER REPRESENTATIVE appointed?

We ask that the older generation who rely so much on sending and receiving personal letters, cards etc. be respected in this issue and are not given yet another expense to deal with.

Postcards are another area where the full price is now expected to be paid and these and general personal mail should be subsidised as they are the original reason for the setting up of Australia Post.

The Association recognises the recent introduction of email and online business and feel that the general public have a fairly good rapport with the local Postie and long may he/she be seen delivering welcome mail to residents of Australia.

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