I would like to state a case for retaining current postal rates for the general public.

Would it not make more sense to increase postal rate for letters and parcels for business and industry operators, in which most cases they can claim some if not all back through their taxes.

Open up the postal market to free enterprise as done in New Zealand.

Letter posting by the public is decreasing, there are more parcels moving around the country through Mail Order, purchases over internet etc,.

Aust. Post is also reaping rewards from the collector market through the issue off over 200 postage stamps and many commemorative coins per year.

In another ten years and how many letters will be posted? It definitely will not be increasing to what it is today so what is the projected cost mail likely to be then for the few who are not using other means to get their messages out?

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