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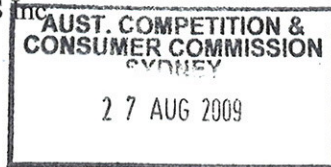
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Re; NEW RATE OF STAMP (60c) ETC BY AUSTRALIA POST

As the Clubs Public Office, we the Members of The Smithfield Stamp Club Inc, would like to object with the proposal for Australia Post to increase its current rate of letter postage from 55cents to 60 cents

While this amount might seem insignificant to Australia Post,. the increase will ultimately kill of the Philatelic Industry as a hobby, and as an outlet for the retired people to enjoy their hobby.

Australia Post, prints out approximately 1 stamp per 2 days, which is outrages, for this Country .

Whereby smaller countries print out this many to help prop up their economy with the sale of their stamps.

If I may suggest to Australia Post, CUT DOWN on your stamp issues, as you are killing of the industry,

Or , are you intent to continue to gouge money unnecessarily out of the Public and the Philatelists alike ?

While Australia Post, has made millions of Dollars in profit as a monopoly industry, and hence , no thought

has been given , that we have been through one of the worse recessions in living memory. I would have

thought that Australia Post could use its resources, and overcome the price increase till such time that

Australia is back on its feet again, this would seem the work of somebody in the Department with a lot of

Time on his hands, to see what they can come up with.

Yet, everyone is trying to make ends meet, their Managers see fit to increase the value of the stamp,

regardless of the economic situation in hand.

While Australia Post has had the 45cent stamp on the market for many years, and consequently the 55cent stamp has been only on the market for a very small time this time, in comparison. consideration, should be taken into account towards Business Houses and the general public as a whole, if Australia Post are truly interested in their product, after so many years of profit gouging from Philatelists, and The general public as a whole, the prices should be coming down, not going up. or at its worst, keeping the current rate of 55 cents.

If all the current major stores throughout Australia are offering huge discounts, and leading the way to get the economy working, one should ask the question, " What is Australia Post doing for this economy ???"

I feel our Prime Minister, Mr Kevin Rudd M.P. took a big gamble in doing what he had done, so why do we have to pay more for our postage stamp ? , when wages have been fairly stable, and people are at last starting to spend money, so we can get this Country back on the road again.

Don't forget, it was greed of CEO's / Managers that got the world in this recession ,or rather, and consequently it's greed again rearing it head again,, and trying to push the economy back, than going forward.


Haven't these idiots learnt yet !!!

I do not whether this letter, will make any impact on the Commission, however, as a Member of the Philatelic Industry and as a Member of the Public, I felt I had to write to your Office and pass these comments

I shall be sending a copy of this letter to our Philatelic Body " PHILAS Inc " to make them aware also of this Problem. I do not know whether any other Philatelic Club will be writing to the Commission

Thankyou for taking the time to read Our letter

Best regards


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Mr Alfred Grech (Public Officer for The Smithfield Stamp Club Inc)