

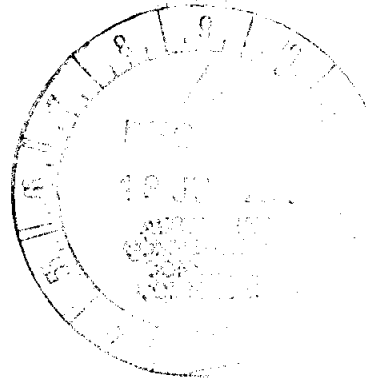
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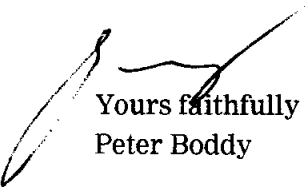
Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of a notice from the ACCC of a public forum on the proposed increase in the price of the 45c stamp as well as a range of other services provided by Australia Post to be held in Brisbane on the 17th June 2001. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend, but I would like the following to be considered:-

I am the owner of a Licensed Post Office and I support the increase on the following terms. That the Licensees' commission on postage will continue to be based on the full value of standard postage and not that amount less GST. (ie commission will be based on 50c and not 50c less GST). The later would involve no increase in commission to Licensees. When GST was introduced Licensees were given an assurance from the Minister for Communication Information Technology and the Arts that Licensees would not be disadvantaged by its introduction. This was subsequently confirmed by Australia Post. It is important to the viability of Licensed Post Offices that this remains the case.

As you are no doubt aware Licensees have worked within the policy of a fixed price basic postage rate for around 10 years. This was unfortunately agreed to by an organisation that was supposed to look after the interest of Licensees but appears to be more concerned with keeping their relationship with Australia Post. This has resulted in no increase to Licensees' commission during this time even though Australia Post have published an increase in CPI of around 26% for the same period.

I ask that the above be considered in discussions on the price changes proposed by Australia Post.


Yours faithfully
Peter Boddy