

Impacts on bank closures

To whom it may concern,

Since the closures of all of the branches of the Westpac bank in my region I now have to travel over 30km to access a bank or ATM that does not charge me to access my own money.

Doesn't sound like much? I'm on a disability pension. With the current fuel prices doing close to 70km for a round trip is more than my budget can handle.

The accessible fee free ATM even isn't actually in my actual budgeted trip.

While it is useful that I can theoretically do my banking at the post office, they aren't set up for transactions on Saturday afternoons for either depositing takings from markets or picking up more change for market on Sunday.

There is no longer a Westpac bank between Gisborne and Bendigo. Anywhere. And I am not 100% sure there is one in Gisborne.

Someone screwed up. Closing the regional banks wasn't the way to go.

Regards

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Small steps will get you there just as fast.