

Regional Postal Bank Initiative - Regional Banking Taskforce

Attention Secretariat,

Please add my name to the list of respondents calling for a National Regional Postal Banking System.

I have worked in Regional communities Collinsville, Mackay, Proserpine, Bowen, and Quilpie in QLD, as well as Narrabri, Moree, and Barraba in NSW, Trowutta in Tasmania, Morwell and Traralgon in Victoria.

Travelling through beautiful the country areas, it disgusts me that the big four banks have withdrawn their services to the country folk who have built lives in regional areas and keep the places populated enough to maintain a semblance of normal country life going. The big banks have done nothing to share the load of the hard working populations of true-blue country Aussies.

In fact the big four (international finance trading banks in reality) have ripped the guts out of many little towns forcing people to squash up into the bigger cities which are becoming more congested and less population friendly.

In Europe and most well of nations, every small town is full of people and have a fully functional community.

Why? Because governments there support both the financial and transportation sectors of those towns and villages. Not everyone is interested in living in the capital cities.

With agricultural sectors dying, Australia will too be dying. To have to rely on food production from overseas is a grave oversight of this current government. They dismantled our manufacturing industries since the 1970's. Now the small towns and agriculture.

In a small section at Wacol near Ipswich QLD, I recall we had Evenrude boat building, Rockla Pipes, Brickworks, Soft Drink factories, biscuit factories, pickling factories, Thomas Shoes, Nile Sheets and the list goes on. All gone. Every single one torn down replaced with roof to roof housing.

This is not a positive future for Australia surely?

When everyone moves to the cities, who will feed us?

My parents barely survived the famine of the 1930's Ukrainian/Russian Stalinist 5 year de-Kulakisation plan.

That worked well. Only 30 million people died of starvation during that time.

Think about and learn from political history. Looking after agricultural stability in a nation is vital for its survival.

When future world-wide food and agricultural products start becoming scarce, let Australia be the nation that can stand on it's own and be strong.

We have many refugees in Australia coming from agricultural countries, who would enjoy living, working and raising families in the regional areas of Australia. Our nation would thrive again.

All it takes is for people like yourselves to make a decision for the good of the people, and not let the big four banks run roughshod over everyone else's business.

When food is gone, we cannot eat money.

Thank you for supporting Regional Banking.

Regards,
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