

Submission on cheques

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Winding down Australia's cheque system

I live on a small farm in a rural area of Victoria. I still use cheques a lot as I'm sure a number of rural people do especially farmers.

I'm 76 and have a chronic lung condition and I'm on oxygen 18+ hours per day so I'm mostly indoors at home. I don't have and I do not want a fancy mobile phone and while I do have a simple ipad if I pay an account on line I have to email the invoice or receipt to my husband's computer to be printed.

Phasing out of cheques will be most inconvenient to me and 2030 seems far too early. Perhaps 2035 or 2040 might be more acceptable. Banks should also be obliged to issue and allow the use of cheques until the closure date. Businesses should also be encouraged to continue to accept cheques. The government should also use and accept cheques until the closure date.