

## **Postal Banking**

Secretariat  
Regional Banking Taskforce

I wish to emphasise the need for a Postal Banking Service to ensure that all citizens, particularly those in regional areas have convenient local access to Banking Services.

As a result of banks closing branches and reducing services particularly but not exclusively in Regional Australia:

1. Services have been reduced by over 60%
2. Numerous ATMs have been removed
3. Those in regional & remote areas have been seriously inconvenienced.
4. Regional Post Offices have the experience and infrastructure to provide these services

A Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Service can give citizens in small towns and those in more isolated and remote country areas security & easy access to banking services.

Many Post Offices already provide these services and they are commonly used in other countries.

I believe it is vital that your committee gives this solution serious consideration  
yours sincerely Anne Dawborn