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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
PO Box 12241  
George St Post Office  
BRISBANE QLD 4003



**Re: Proposed Australian Post prices increase**

Dear Sir

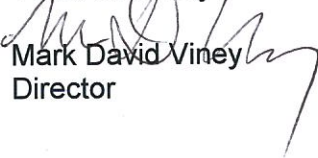
It has come to our attention from our publishers that the ACCC is reviewing a proposal from Australia Post to increase its charges including Business Mail Services as well as Pre-Sort Services.

As a network organisation we publish a quarterly journal and distribute it Australia-wide. Over the past eight months we have incurred two price increases from Australia Post for the postage of our publication. These costs we have had to absorb as increasing membership fees or advertising rates in this economic climate is prohibitive.

While we are engaging other communication tools for our industry we are obligated to offer our members quality educational articles for their sustainability and growth and this requires that we provide them with a printed copy of a quality publication.

In reviewing a potential price increase from Australia Post we respectfully request that you consider the added hardship that it will bring to many businesses and Associations. We believe we work exceptionally hard to offer support and quality tools and benefits to businesses in order that they may survive and would greatly appreciate that our survival is also taken into consideration.

Yours sincerely

  
Mark David Viney  
Director