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To Whom It May Concern,
Dear Madam/Sir,

I am an age pensioner who does do stuff by email and who also sends stuff by normal mail and receives stuff by normal mail.

When the option came about to register a couple of years ago for the concession stamps I did so knowing full well that the ten books of five stamps (fifty stamps in total) would not be enough for me, it is though better than nothing.

On average I send about three ,sometimes four letters a week by normal mail.

Usually by late October maybe mid November I have used up my annual allocation (I registered for these concession stamps originally on the first of March hence that is the start time of my annual purchase period) so from that time until the following March I am having to pay the normal price for a stamp.

If I stick to the lower amount of mail I send, that is three letters a week , then under the current cost that is \$3.60 a week and if the price rise goes to \$1.50 per stamp then that will be \$4.50 a week. therefore if I say for arguments sake needed to buy normal stamps from the beginning of December (allowing for maybe the odd week where I might only send one or two letters)to the end of February which would be roughly 12 weeks at \$1.50 (if the price increase is approved) it will cost me \$18 over and above what I have spent on the concession stamps, of course if I end up sending more mail then my expenditure will increase .

As the age pension is my only income and the cost of living gets ignored by the government and businesses it would please me if the price increase was not allowed and if it is allowed then how about Australia post being made to increase the amount of concession stamps we can get.

Thank you

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