

29 September 2023

Postal Services Team
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
postalservices@accc.gov.au

To whom it may concern,

Re: Australia Post's proposed stamp price increase

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to Australia Post's proposed price increase.

Yarra Valley Water is a state government owned water corporation operating in Melbourne and providing essential water and sanitation services to around 30% of Victoria's population every day. We are a member of the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA).

We are subject to regulation by the Essential Services Commission and make payments to the Victorian Government equivalent to the income tax and sales tax that would be payable if the Corporation was not a statutory corporation.

We are committed to keeping bills affordable and price increases below inflation. Last year we absorbed a 14.9% price increase from Australia Post. From July 2023 our own water and sewerage charges increased by 2.06% which is 4.96% below inflation. This has been achieved by delivering considerable efficiencies.

The proposed 25% increase would represent a significant impost on our customers.

We support and endorse the submission made by WSAA, a copy of which is attached. In particular we request that the ACCC consider whether the proposed cost increase, which is well above inflation, is reasonably allocated between its monopoly service costs and services which are provided in a competitive market.



If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please contact Alison Flintoff, our Divisional Manager, Billing & Collection at alison.flintoff@yvw.com.au.

Kind regards,



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