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dear sir

when the post offices closed down it was a severe blow to the fibre and steel of rural communities. then came along the concept of privately run or council owned rural transaction centres (RTC). naturally it was council moral obligation to pick up where the post office had left off, so councils in their wisdom and in an effort to provide a service to the community acquired grant to establish rtc's this was a very cagey move by the govt as the burden of providing postal services was transferred to the people and so were the losses, no longer incurred by the feds but now to be absorbed by the community this was a very devious method of cost shifting as for example the rtc at mataranka is losing \$15000 a year and if i had my way we would shut it.
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