

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the Citizens of Trundle and surrounding area draws to the attention of the House: of the pending closure of the Commonwealth Bank in Trundle.

We understand there is a proposal to transfer banking facilities to the local Post Office; this will include deposits, withdrawals and account enquiries. Unfortunately, this is unsuitable for the elderly and disabled as the access is unsuitable. If customers want full banking facilities they will need to travel to the Parkes branch. Trundle is situated approximately 68kms from Parkes in the Parkes Shire. We are a small rural community with no public transport and rely on local businesses and facilities to meet our daily needs. For some, it is almost impossible to travel to the larger centres.

Trundle has a large number of elderly citizens, with most of them using Gophers to get around. This helps them to keep a certain amount of independence.

We therefore ask the House to intervene on our behalf and help us to retain full banking facilities in our town.