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The Secretary
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations
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Room SG.64
Parliament House
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Dear Dr Dermody

**RE: INQUIRY INTO BANKING/FINANCIAL SERVICES IN RURAL, REGIONAL
AND REMOTE AREAS OF AUSTRALIA**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the Inquiry into Banking and Financial Services in Rural, Regional and Remote Areas of Australia.

While the Douglas Shire is well served with banking services, we have lost the Mossman Branch of the Commonwealth Bank over the last year or so, requiring customers to travel to Port Douglas to bank at that branch.¹

The loss of the Mossman Commonwealth Bank branch has had a direct impact on people on welfare and others on low incomes who may not own a vehicle to travel to Port Douglas.

The current position would be severely eroded if there were to be further bank closures in either Mossman or Port Douglas.

I trust this advice is of assistance with the Parliamentary Inquiry.

Yours faithfully

T C Melchert
Chief Executive Officer