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Senator Alan Eggleston  
Chairman,  
ECITA Legislation Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator,

Postal Legislation Amendments Bill

The Post Office Agents Association Limited (POAAL) was pleased to be able to speak to our submission to the Senate Environment, Communications, Information Technology & the Arts Legislation Committee in Melbourne last Friday.

We thank the Committee for its time, and trust that our concerns about some aspects and points of the Bill will be taken into consideration when the Committee is preparing its report.

The two major concerns of POAAL are:

- that the proposed measures simply add to the cost of providing Australia Post's services but without providing certainty as to the benefits to be gained ; and
- that the measures are suspected of being designed to aid a future agenda of postal industry deregulation.

In addition, we note:

- Our concerns that the costs for the ACA and ACCC requirements may flow on to Licensees, Mail Contractors and Community Mail and Postal Agents despite protestations to the contrary;
- Unnecessary duplication of accounting services;
- Doubts that document exchanges services will be consistently, efficiently and adequately monitored;
- The lack of independent review with Australia Post and the ACA reporting to the same Minister ; and
- Our proposal that POAAL be involved in assessing CSOs because of our extensive knowledge of rural LPOs, Agencies and Mail Contractors.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call should we be able to clarify any points or provide any more information.

We would appreciate advice as to the content of the Committee's report in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Marie McGrath-Kerr  
Chairman