

COMMENTS Postal Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2003

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OVERVIEW COMMENTS

Two areas in particular are seen by Major Mail Users as being of immense importance:

- that of introducing ACCC (Australian Competition and Consumer Commission) oversight of Australia Post in accounting transparency matters which, hopefully, will see Australia Post providing accounting reports in line with segment reporting standards of the Australian accounting profession;
- that of providing the ACA (Australian Communications Authority) with power to monitor and report on Australia Post's quality of service

both measures will be of value to high volume users of Australia Post's services and will in no way affect their current monopoly of "letter" mail services.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Over the past few months Major Mail Users was consulted by both the Minister's Office and the Department of Communications, Information Technology and The Arts as to our opinion on the above matters and we have appreciated the opportunity afforded to comment in that context.

We have reviewed the Bill, the overview statement of the Minister and the Explanatory Memorandum and do not wish to comment on the proposals other than to add our wholehearted support to the proposals relating to the ACCC and ACA referred to above.

As the representative body for the providers of more than three-quarters of Australia Post's Bulk Presort Mail volumes, we feel that those two changes would be of immense value for the consumers of Australia Post's services.

Other elements in the proposals are of no particular interest to our members whose main focus is on Bulk Presorted Mail.

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