

~~The Mayor~~
~~Central Coast Council~~
~~Hely Street~~
~~Wyong NSW 2250~~

COPIES TO,

~~Mr. Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government~~
~~Mr. David Harris, M.P.~~
Mr. David Mehan M.P.

I am disgusted by the arrogance of 'Some' elected members attitude in Central Coast Council (CCC) towards their Rate Payers ability to pay their Water and General Rates conveniently at their local Post Office.

No consideration has been allowed for elderly ratepayers who DON'T have mobile or Internet Banking. We rely on paying our Rates without any fuss or bother at our local Post Office. This convenience has now been stopped.

Now we have to find an alternate. One is Lakehaven Library. That only opens on Wednesday or Thursday, and they don't take Cash. Another is Toukley Library. They don't take cash either. Thirdly I would have to drive into Wyong and pay at Council Office. They don't take cash.

I understand there are 128 Councils throughout NSW of which 91 of those Councils still have the ability to pay there rates at their local Post Office, some in the Sydney Metro areas. CCC attitude to this issue shows a complete disrespect for elderly residents like myself (86 old) in their ability to pay their rates conveniently at their local Post Office. This clearly indicates their should be an investigation into this Councils practice and decision forcing elderly ratepayers to travel long distances to pay their Water and General Rates I understand there is a Petition with over 3,000 signatures asking Council to continue payments at our local Post Office. That's a significant number of concerned ratepayers.

I contacted two Council members about this problem. One was sympathetic, the other (Eaton) showed his arrogance and unsympathetic attitude talking me down questioning me as to where I shopped, indicating that he was not interested.

I am demanding you, Mr. Mayor, review this inconsiderate inconvenience imposed on us residents by your decision preventing us paying our Rates at our Post Office.

To the members of Parliament, Mr. Ron Hoenig, Minister for Local Government, Mr. David Harris, and Mr. David Meahan. I am asking you as our local representatives to address the concerns of this decision by Central Coast Council and hopefully reverse their inconsiderate decision.

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