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What is happening to our mail?

Australia Post is planning to sort much of the mail posted in country areas at Dandenong Letters Centre. This mail was sorted at 5 Country Mail Centres Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Morwell and Seymour.

This means that up to 100 jobs (on union wages & conditions) could be lost in these country towns. Australia Post is intending to replace these full time jobs with casual four hour a night jobs at Dandenong. These workers won't even get a tea break.

Service to the community will also suffer. Currently mail posted in most of the area surrounding the country mail centres is sorted and delivered the next day.

Under the new arrangements, mail for country areas other than the regional centre will take an additional day to get to households and businesses. The new arrangements will lead to a much inferior service. This is only to be expected when mail is sorted by automated letter machines and casual labour instead of dedicated locals.

The small savings to Australia Post (which makes \$1/2 billion profit annually) have major social costs for our community.

This attack on country jobs comes on top of Australia Post privatising many country post offices and the contracting out of country delivery and transport jobs.

You can complain about poor service to both Australia Post (by ringing 131318 or by writing to Graeme John, Managing Director, 321 Exhibition Street, Melbourne 3000) and to your local politicians.

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HAVE A RIGHT TO
A GOOD QUALITY
POSTAL SERVICE**

For further info: contact
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