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YOUR ADDRESS

DATE

Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy
Minister for Broadband, Communications & the Digital Economy
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I am a Mail Contractor in [LOCATION]. My major business cost is fuel and rising fuel costs over the last few years have put my business under extreme pressure.

Under Clause 10 of my mail contract, I can apply for a review of the fuel price component of my contract fee if Australia Post says that the price of petrol has moved by +/-7% and it has been at least three months since my last review under Clause 10. If the price of fuel decreases by 7% then Australia Post can reduce my fuel payments after a review and I have to wait at least three months before I can request another review.

This system means I have to pay for increases in fuel prices for at least three months before I am even able to apply for financial relief from Australia Post. If I am not awarded an increase in my monthly payments, I must wait another three months before I am able to apply again.

This is unfair. I shouldn't have to subsidise Australia Post's mail delivery system.

Australia Post needs to introduce a fair system for paying fuel costs to Contractors. POAAL has proposed that fuel payments be adjusted automatically each month, so that the price we're paid by Australia Post reflects what we pay at the pump. This would be fairer to Contractors and Australia Post.

I ask that you, as Minister responsible for Australia Post, support this push for a fair go for Mail Contractors. It could be the difference between my business surviving or failing.

Yours faithfully,

[CONTRACTOR NAME]

Cc: POAAL