

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review,
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Dear advisory panel,

As a Canadian, I am writing to demand that our public post office not be deregulated and that Canada Post maintain its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters. How can it be argued that anyone should have the right to make a profit out of the mechanism for ordinary Canadians to communicate with each other and their government? I'm a farmer and in the country there are many people who do not have a computer on the internet -- their means of communication with the world outside them is the public postal service.

As a mail user, I am concerned by deregulation. Deregulation elsewhere has not proven to be a good thing for the public. Indeed, statistical evidence shows that privatisation has increased the cost of services for the majority, at the same time as decreasing the quality of the service. Privatised public services have proved to be troughs for the few to feed at, while the many go without.

I am also very concerned that the review of our public post office does not include public hearings. I believe that the government should not make any decisions about our public services until it has properly consulted with the public. I feel that the public is being more and more excluded from voicing an opinion concerning our government which is said to be democratic.

The government should also extend the deadline for the submissions. The majority of Canadian do not yet know that a plan to privatise the Post Office is under way. Canada currently has one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world, and our postal services are universal and affordable. This is something to celebrate, not deregulate and dismantle.

Sincerely,

Jessie Davidson

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