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Communication Workers Union calls for Post CEO to be sacked

Australia Post today released the next version of CEO Ahmed Fahour's crazy plans for our Postal Service. With reports circulating of 1,900 redundancies, the Communication Worker's Union (CWU) has called for Minister Malcolm Turnbull to step in, and replace Mr Fahour.

Mr Fahour's plan includes:

- Doubling the price of a stamp
- Slashing 4,400 jobs in postal delivery
- Slowing down the delivery of mail
- Closing regional sorting centres, and moving that work to the cities
- Removing ACCC oversight on the price of a first class stamp

The proposed changes will require regulatory changes, which despite over a year of announcements, have yet to be introduced, let alone passed by the Senate. So far, Mr Fahour has spent several million dollars promoting these changes, which are not yet legal.

Quotes attributable to Martin O'Nea, Assistant National Secretary, Communication Worker's Union

"Australia Post doesn't have the staff to deliver the mail consistently on time now, this plan will make every letter later.

"The Australia economy relies on a fast, cheap, postal service to move the cheques, documents and parcels to keep business working. Mr Fahour plans to cut thousands posties and double the price of a stamp. Mr Fahour and his crazy plan must go.

"Small business relies on an affordable, efficient and reliable postal service. Malcolm Turnbull and Post CEO Ahmed Fahour are vandalising this vital piece on National Infrastructure."

"This is a bad plan for a real problem. Communications Minister Malcolm Turnbull should step in and protect Australia's economy from this vandalism.

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