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Ms Christine Holgate,
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Sent by E-mail christine.holgate@auspost.com.au

Dear Ms Holgate,

We are writing to you both as the CEO of Australia Post and an ex-resident of the Northern Beaches of Sydney.

We are interested in what plans Australia Post may have for its post office and distribution centre located on the corner of Robertson Rd and Foamcrest Ave. Newport NSW. The reason we ask is that Robertson Road between the main road of Barrenjoey Road and Foamcrest Ave is a one way street with half of its width having being converted to a pedestrian type plaza for cafes and similar. Currently this section of Robertson Rd is closed a number of times a year so that the whole street section can be closed off for plaza events.

Newport has a Newport Masterplan (now embodied in the Northern Beaches Council Development Control Plan) which sets out the future desired character of the Newport shopping precinct. The abovementioned section of Robertson Rd forms an integral part of the Masterplan to ensure that it becomes the village hub of Newport.

Currently the Post Office complex covers a large section of the northern part of the subject area of Robertson Road and we believe that if Australia Post was to move the distribution centre elsewhere it would open up the street to a more suitable development of cafes etc. more in keeping with the Masterplan objectives. We would sincerely hope that Australia Post would maintain its commercial post office and shop, but maybe just as a lessee similar to many other of its locations.

We hope you don't feel that we are being imprudent in asking of your future plans for Newport but the current location is of immense interest to our association.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Butler
President