



David Littleproud MP

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Australia Post abandons Cooyar

IN A move that has Maranoa MP David Littleproud fuming, Australia Post has decided to not work with the Cooyar community and will shut the town's direct postal service without consultation.

"This lack of consultation is inexcusable and extremely disappointing. I was in Cooyar today and Australia Post's heartless decision to not engage has left this community reeling and without a mail run," Mr Littleproud said.

"In rural areas, Australia Post isn't just about letter delivery. It offers a community service, like delivering medications, and challenges the tyranny of distance."

In Cooyar, a local store made the decision not to continue operating as a Community Postal Agent (CPA) and when the community rallied to find an alternate provider, Australia Post said it was too late.

"I understand Australia Post only spent one week trying to find an alternate location for the CPA and when the local show society made contact to see if it could take on the role, an Australia Post representative said the service would no longer be offered in Cooyar," Mr Littleproud said.

"I think, at the very least, the community should've been given a proper opportunity to save the service without Australia Post just pulling the local mail run out of their grasp.

"I've made urgent representations to Australia Post's CEO to investigate the cancellation of this service as a matter of priority and requested an urgent meeting to discuss a way forward to restore this vital service for the Cooyar community."

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