
**MM3/23 EASTWOOD POST OFFICE - Mayor, Councillor Sarkis
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As Councillors may be aware, there is currently information circulating in the local community regarding the Eastwood Post Office. The information cites Council decisions regarding the site as one of the reasons for its closure.

Contrary to the advice being circulated, Australia Post has written to Council previously and advised that there were two primary factors which led to the decision to close the Eastwood Post Office. These were:-

- Patronage of the Eastwood Post Office has been in decline over the last few years, with a decline of 20 per cent year on year.
- The surrounding area is well serviced with twelve outlets within a 5 kilometre distance of Eastwood Post Office. It was also noted that unlike Eastwood Post Office, the Denistone East LPO and nine other Post Offices within 5 kilometres of Eastwood are also open on Saturdays.

Council's position has always been that a full service post office should be retained in the strategic centre of Eastwood.

As such, I propose the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council write to Australia Post objecting to the closure of the full service post office in Eastwood.
- (b) That Council write to the Federal Member for Bennelong, and the Federal Communications Minister, seeking their intervention to stop the removal of the Eastwood Post Office
- (c) That Council communicate this information to the community via council's social media and webpage.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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Council, submitted on 28 February 2023.