

To Regional Banking Taskforce

I am fortunate to live in a city centre and not affected by country bank closures; I am however aware through friends of their effect. Post Offices are well established in country areas and it would seem an obvious solution for them to offer banking services – a Post Office Bank. This would go part way in reviving the original Commonwealth Bank which should never have been sold by Governments in 1991-1996. Combining postal and banking services would make the services offered more viable. In many cases branches would still need to be subsidised however it is reasonable that the 'City' offers support for the 'Country' – Geoff Thomas, Gosford 2250,