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## AUSTRALIA POST MEMBERS:

### IMPORTANT NATIONWIDE ONLINE MEMBER BRIEFING

Dear members,

Next week, your State Branch and National Union leadership team will address the many concerns our members have about Australia Post's proposed changes to legislated service obligations, the effects the pandemic have had on your pay and safety and how the upcoming expiry of EBA9 is being approached.

At a time where the COVID-19 pandemic has limited our ability to communicate with you in your workplace, it is crucial that all members join us for this important briefing, which is being held online, live.

**Please register your attendance as soon as possible to ensure we can technologically cater for all members attending this important online briefing. Once registered, you will receive an email before Thursday with a link to join the briefing.**

**Date:** Thursday, 21 May 2020

**Time:** 6:00pm AEST (4:00pm Western Australia, 5:30pm South Australia & Northern Territory)

**RSVP:** <https://www.tinyurl.com/memberbriefing>

CEPU/CWU members are in the middle of some of the most significant and comprehensive changes ever experienced at Australia Post. The question is, are the changes our members are experiencing, and those changes potentially yet to come, entirely a consequence of the pandemic's grip on our nation's economy?

Is the COVID-19 pandemic simply being used as a shameless and underhanded vehicle to accelerate an agenda to slash essential public postal services, cut your pay and conditions and attack your job security?

The company continues to claim the government has approved the changes it has sought, to reduce the services it is obligated to provide to Australian homes and businesses. **In reality, the regulation changes have not yet even been tabled in Parliament.**

But, as most of you are undoubtedly aware, this has not stopped them from making changes that have seen the public's postal services significantly deteriorate. In many scenarios, current service standards are being breached, daily.

That service deterioration has come at an expense being borne **only by workers.**

The company's contempt for its workforce is exacerbated by the wavering, arrogant and confrontational approach it has adopted to frustrate attempts to agree on a fair outcome to address the upcoming nominal expiry of your EBA9.

What has become abundantly clear to your Union's leadership team is that our actions together, as a collective group of workers, will determine the short and longer-term outcomes our members will have to accept.

That's why it is critical that as many members as possible join us for this very important briefing next week.

Yours faithfully,

**Nick Townsend**  
**BRANCH SECRETARY**

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