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MEDIA RELEASE

NO PIGEONS NEEDED FOR BURDEKIN MAIL SERVICE

Member for Burdekin Dale Last has put to rest concerns mail would no longer be delivered to certain rural Burdekin families.

After hearing concerns that constituents located in rural areas west of Ayr would no longer be greeted by a daily mail run, Mr Last raised the concerns with the Federal Minister for Communications Paul Fletcher.

“It was great to hear that, despite the former contractor parting ways with Australia Post, the Mail Service 54 was able to continue by employing a temporary delivery officer until the position could be filled,” Mr Last said.

“Mail delivery is a vital service that many of these communities rely on and these mail service runs are even more important.

“The Mail Service 54 caters for areas as far as Dalbeg, that is almost 100km way from the Ayr CBD and means there is no need for those with a disability or elderly residents to travel long distances to receive their mail.”

Mr Last said he had been advised the temporary officer had ensured there would not be interruption to mail delivery services.

“Living in rural and regional communities should not mean that mail service, or any other service for that matter, should be second class and I am glad action has been taken to provide these residents with surety that their mail service will continue,” Mr Last said.

“As the Member for Burdekin I am more than happy to raise concerns such as these with the appropriate ministers and departments, that is how we work together to make sure our communities continue to receive vital services in times of need.”

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