

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to put in a submission to try and keep our banking services in Scottsdale north east Tasmania. Scottsdale is a thriving town that is the centre for small communities in the northeast between Launceston and St Helens on the east coast. We have two banks left in town Commbank and Westpac that have reduced their trading hours. The number of people trying to get their banking done in the reduced time frame means there is nearly always a que. The staff at Commbank are not locals so they commute between Launceston and Scottsdale daily, which is an hours drive each way on a good day. The ANZ bank has closed down and vacated in the last 12 months and we fear the other two are gearing up to go the same way. There is heaps of industry in the area:- farming, Timber, Tourism, fishing, beef, sheep, fish farms, hospital + aged care, brewery and distillery's, dairy, wind farm etc etc and all the support workers to these industries.

The elderly in the community who so much rely on face to face banking should be considered also for their loyalty shown to the banks for such a long time and a little bit ~~is~~ returned would be much appreciated. Please give some consideration to this submission for the remaining banks to stay in Scottsdale as it is a very vibrant community and it would be a sad situation to lose our remaining two banks.

Yours Sincerely,
Glen Chidley

