



Media Release

**Luke Simpkins MP
Federal Member for Cowan**

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Update on Wanneroo Australia Post

Luke Simpkins MP said he has collected more than 100 signatures for a local petition calling for the relocation of the Australia Post outlet at the old Wanneroo Shopping Centre to the new Centre on Wanneroo Road.

After writing to the Managing Director of Australia Post regarding the issue, Mr Simpkins said he had received a response in which Australia Post confirmed they did not plan to relocate the post office, however they were committed to a significant upgrade of the existing facilities to ensure it complied with the requirements for disabled access.

“Australia Post has assured me that the proposed refurbishment will be completed during the current financial year. It has also pledged that the upgrade of the existing facilities will meet the needs of all members of the Wanneroo community.

“Whilst this is not the result I and the many petitioners had hoped for, it is still a step in the right direction. The most immediate concern is for the disabled and the elderly who struggle with parking outside the post office on a regular basis.

Mr Simpkins said he would still present the local petition in Federal Parliament, and would also monitor developments with the changes Australia Post had foreshadowed.

“I am confident Australia Post has now got the message from the local residents. I hope the refurbishment can deliver what it needs to— decent access to local postal facilities, for all people regardless of age or mobility,” Mr Simpkins said.