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## **Australia Post must come clean on ‘secret deals’ and special treatment involving Pauline Hanson**

Front page media reports that Australia Post Managing Director Christine Holgate threatened to call police to ensure Pauline Hanson’s parcels were delivered to Melbourne public housing towers in lockdown have led the CEPU Communications Union to raise serious questions about the relationship between Australia Post and the One National leader, Pauline Hanson

These revelations detail an incident that occurred after Senator Hanson moved to established an inquiry into the relaxation of mail delivery regulation, allowing the doubling of delivery times, but then ‘ran dead’ on the issue.

CEPU Communications Union National Secretary, Greg Rayner, said, “Deteriorating postal services have been forced through under the cover of Covid-19 and the community deserves to know why.

“Workers and the community must be told the truth about special treatment for Senator Hanson.

“Why does a pensioner in Penrith waiting for essential medicine or a letter from loved ones have to endure delays as piles of mail and parcels back up due to understaffing and second-day mail delivery, while Hanson gets special treatment for her delivery of stubby holders?

“Australia Post is an essential service for us all of us. It shouldn’t discriminate regardless of your postcode or social economic circumstances and it certainly shouldn’t give you preferential treatment because you’re a useful friend to have in the Canberra bubble.

“What deal did the government and the Australia Post managing director do with Senator Hanson to have her run dead in an inquiry and allow the under resourcing problem to erode the parcel delivery service even further?

“The politics of running down our postal service and parcel deliveries has hit an all time low,” he said.

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