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To: Canada Post Strategic Review Panel

Your panel has been given four guiding principles. The fact that one of them is that Canada Post will not be privatized and will remain a Crown Corporation makes me suspicious that that is exactly what this government wants to do but doesn't have the temerity to do it openly so it will be done by stealth.  
How else to explain Bill C-14?

Another guiding principle says that Canada Post is expected to "attain a realistic rate of return on equity." What is "realistic"? Who decides what is "realistic." This is completely unacceptable for a Crown Corporation and a public service to be placed under such a requirement especially in view of Bill C-14.

I and most Canadians are well served by Canada Post now but the level of service in remote and rural ("low density") areas has been deteriorating over the past few years as governments have moved to cut costs and implement a "business model" for C.P.

This trend must stop.

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