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## POSTAL STRIKES

Further to yesterday's AR ER 525, the CEPU-POSTAL has decided to "strike" on Friday and Saturday of this week - it's hardly "stop work" strikes as previous times were accustomed to and the main impact will be at revenue levels.

As I advised yesterday, MMUA has been discussing these matters with CEPU-POSTAL and we have been assured that they will keep us informed of any moves ahead that are likely to impact at "production flow" level.

The Union has been treated with the type of disdain dished out by the AP monopoly mentality that MMUA has been subjected to for the past 5-years ..... in 2010 we are all looking forward to working through "Canberra" to get some commercial (and for the union, no doubt, industrial relations) reality into making Australia Post work in a commercially sensitive manner - something it has not been able to do for many years.

## THE MATHEMATICS

In a vain attempt to brush off the validity of the AEC ballot, Australia Post's Letters Group disdainfully claimed that the 11,253 union members who voted represent - quote - "only 25 percent of AP's 35,000 staff".

**What a load of codswallop** - but then MMUA is used to such obfuscation from AP-LETTERS and now its seems it's the turn of CEPU-POSTAL:

- when I went to school - 25 percent of 35,000 = 8,750
- when I went to school - 11,253 as a percentage of 35,000 = 32 percent

but then we didn't use cuisenaire rods to do our calculations!

But in any case:

- 35,000 staff are not all posties on the beat or the others covered by the CEPU-POSTAL;
- 60 percent of the membership voted
- and the turnaround was one-week

..... non-compulsory voting and they get 60% voting! Doesn't matter what AP-LETTERS says, that is an excellent industrial relations result.

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## Regards, John

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