

Newsagents move to alternatives after Bill Express collapse

Newsagents today are dealing with the fallout of the collapse of Bill Express after news of their decision to enter voluntary administration.

The Bill Express electronic platform provided over 3500 newsagents nationally with the ability to process bill payment, mobile phone recharge, calling cards, prepaid credit cards and other products and services.

Bill Express' decision to enter voluntary administration means many newsagents may not be able to process bills and phone recharges in the usual way.

“At this stage it is up to the appointed administrator of Bill Express to determine whether Bill Express will continue to supply the network after the announcement today for merchants to cease vending product until further notice,” Australian Newsagents' Federation Chief Executive Don MacAskill said.

“While this may have a major financial impact on the newsagent network, newsagents will be working to ensure the effect on the consumer is minimised where possible,” MacAskill said.

The ANF and newsagents have been working together to source alternative EFTPOS facilities with electronic mobile recharge and value added services from other providers.

In the meantime, newsagents nationally are stocking up on physical mobile recharge cards in the event that electronic mobile recharge is not available, although an alternative bill payment platform has yet to be found.

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