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Sheffield Commonwealth Bank closure

It's disappointing to be advised that the Commonwealth Bank plan to close their Sheffield branch on 23 August.

This decision will have an adverse effect on the local community and small businesses in Sheffield and Barrington who rely on this essential service.

As a strong advocate for rural communities, I have contacted the Commonwealth Bank and ask that it reconsider this decision.

In recent years we have witnessed major banks close regional branches across the state, citing a move to online banking as the reason.

The closure of face-to-face services will affect many people in Sheffield and the surrounding area, particularly older Tasmanians, people living with disability and small business retailers.

As the largest population centre in the region outside greater Devonport, Sheffield is an important economic and social hub for the region. The loss of services will be a challenge that stretches beyond the immediate community.

At a time when the big banks should be focusing on looking after their loyal customers, I ask the Commonwealth Bank to reconsider their decision.