

From
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I wish to speak to my submission.

I am against the TPP and I will argue below that the particular ISDS provisions are not in the interests of Australian citizens.

1. Follow Indonesia

Indonesia has said it will terminate 67 bilateral investment treaties because of ISDS. Other countries are not agreeing to provisions that negate sovereign government decisions. I recommend Australia reject the TPP and in particular the ISDS.

2. There are no "safeguards" because the loophole "except in rare circumstances.....do not constitute indirect expropriations"

(KAFTA Ch 11 annex 2B) has allowed the government of El Salvador to be sued by Pacific Rim Mining Corp over a government ban on mining to protect limited groundwater supply! Reject the TPP & ISDS.

3. It is outrageous that the costs to running these cases could cost the public purse between \$8 to \$30 million to run ONE CASE!!

As a citizen who believes in our tax dollar going back into the community I argue against the ISDS.

4. There are already many cases in which foreign investors are suing governments over their Health & Environment legislation. Phillip Morris Tobacco is suing Australia over our wonderful Plain Packaging regulation. This is not in my interest or in the interests of other citizens. This regulation should be upheld. I say NO to ISDS. Just as the citizens of Germany want to phase out nuclear energy are suffering because Vattenfall is suing their government. Corporations are not people. I care about people and I care about regulation that protects health & the environment.

5 I don't recognize the International investment tribunals. These tribunals do not have safeguards that national legal systems follow. I object to Australia allowing such tribunals to rule on issues that affect my future society. The proceedings are secret not public as a rule. There is no independence of judges as in our national legal system. No appeal system. It is a corrupt system that favours corporations with deep pockets. I object.

In summary I submit that the Australia Government should not adopt the TPP or the ISDS because they negate our national laws and are far too costly on citizens rights, services and our ability to leave a well funded civil society for our next generations.

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I look forward to hearing from you.
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