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The Committee Secretariat

Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee Department of the Senate

Dear Committee

I strongly support the bill to ban Investor State Dispute Settlement provisions and strongly oppose our government from entering into any agreement which allows a foreign company claiming financial damage as a result of Australian legislation designed to protect or enhance the health of Australians or the protection of the Australian environment. A government is elected to serve the interests of its electors, the citizens of the state who have elected it. It is a dereliction of the duty of a government to abrogate this responsibility by handing its sovereign decision making to a body external to the nation concerned. It is particularly odious when a government either abrogates its responsibility to its citizens in this way or even contemplates such abrogation as it clearly indicates that such a government places a higher priority on the financial returns to a foreign company than the protection of the health and environment of its own present and future citizens

Yours sincerely,

Dr John R. Coulter, former Democrat Senator.