

Inquiry into Australia's Trade Agreement Process

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(Individual submission)

As an Australian citizen I, Marc Brunet, fully endorse the following statement on the duty of this Committee to uphold our democratic principles of public transparency on the conduct of the task they are currently dealing with, particularly that of defining and finalising the Australian position on the TPPA negotiation terms and procedures to be allowed.

I urge the Committee to act accordingly.

"Dear Senators

It is an abomination that the negotiation of any international agreement concerning the lives of Australian Citizens be conducted in secret – beyond the scrutiny of those very Citizens in whose name any such agreement would be signed.

While it is obvious to all why some segments of society would want such negotiations conducted in secret, it is beyond comprehension why any Australian politician or public official would agree to such a travesty.

It is my wish that the Senate inquiry condemn the practice in the strongest terms and that the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership, particularly those relating to the terms of reference a) and b) be made public immediately.

Further, it is to be hoped that no further negotiation of an international treaty be ever again conducted in secrecy.

I have no objection to my name being published.

Yours Faithfully"

Marc Brunet