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Greetings,

Australia's history is a tale of the battle for Fairness, for Justice, for Equality, and we stubbornly hold to those ideals in our mythology despite the continued attacks on this as as a 'fool's paradise'.

Are we truly fools to hold a life of decency, fairness, and common respect for all life as our ideals?

Ideals are not necessarily reflections of the entire practice of the culture, but of what its people aspire to. And Australians have not given up on these ideals.

The WTO represents the historical enemy of these ideals: Corporate Wealth. It is the antithesis of everything ordinary Australians have fought against since this country's inception.

Our governments, Labor and Liberal, should be deeply ashamed of their continued co operation with an organisation that has the enslavement of the world's peoples, the rapacious pillaging our our resources, and the inevitable destruction of our planet as its goals.

Regards, Teri Merlyn