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To whom it may concern,

I will keep my submission brief and simple, as I'm sure you will receive plenty of long and clever ones that will provide proof and example. I am a young mother living in rural nsw with a small son and quite a busy life on our organic farm, so i don't have alot of time or energy to write an essay on the subject.

I would, however, like to submit to your inquiry my firm belief that as long as the WTO remains as powerful and non-democratic as it is now, Australia's relationship with it will remain unhealthy. I believe that the WTO should be dismantled, at least as far as its powers to undermine good social, cultural and environmental law are concerned. From my observations the WTO does not take these factors into account in its decision making at all. The dollar always comes first. This attitude is unhealthy on a national scale, but on a global scale it is just asking for catastrophe. If we are to have global bodies like the WTO they need to adhere to the highest values and the very, very best of humanitarian and environmental practices. Right now, though, commercial interests run exactly counter to these in most cases, and so communities and ecology are sacrificed. The WTO is unsustainability manifest. It is not a healthy, sustainable, ethical body and does in no way deserve to wield the power it does. As such, if Australia's relationship to the WTO remains subservient, passive, submissive etc,etc (as it is now) it will continue to be an unhealthy relationship that I, as a citizen born and bred in this country will never condone.

yours sincerely, sally newham. my address: 65 Dorrroughby rd, corndale, nsw, 2480.