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These are some of my concerns about the current status of the above :

- **Lack of independent assessment** - There have been no assessments on the social, cultural, environmental or labour impacts that such an agreement may have.
- **No clear exclusion of public services** - Public services should be clearly excluded from trading agreements.
- **Investor-State Disputes Process** - Allows government regulation to be challenged by unaccountable corporations.
- **'Negative List' for services** - To ensure that governments know exactly what is included in services commitments, service areas should be opted in ('positive list') as opposed to the current schedule that excludes those specifically mentioned.
- **Reduced ability for governments to regulate on services and investment** - Commitments in services and investment restrict the ability of governments to regulate in the public interest.
- **Expansion of Visa 457** - The inclusion of the visa 457 in the agreement locks in the requirements despite the scheme currently being under government review.

Yours sincerely
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