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Australian Manufacturing  
Workers Union Retired  
Members Association

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To Joint Standing  
Committee on  
Treaties,

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BY:.....

Dear People,

We the above mentioned group are still of the opinion that these so-called trade treaties go well beyond what we understand as trading in goods.

Studying as much of the material on this U.S. AUST trade agreement as we can procure, to be able to send some goods to the U.S. we in return must surrender our civil rights to govern ourselves. Thus becoming in effect less than self-determining Australian citizens of our own country.

The so called dispute process overrides any objections we may find in the future.

What we have at this moment is to be set in concrete, we can never go forward but always must give way to the U.S.

Government and the multi-national businesses that wish to invest in Australia or sell their goods and services in this, to them a foreign country.

And as the North American Free Trade agreement has proven, we can be used by big business who we might wish to exclude or restrict in what they wish to do with our country Australia.  
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There is ample evidence of this legal stand-over tactic in Mexico + Canada. This so called trade-treaty seeks to dictate how we run our health and medical systems even down to our "Blood Bank" that in this country is free.

The treaty seeks to break down our quarantine laws if they feel we are being obstructionist.

In other words the people who are that greedy that do not care that our Government could no longer govern in the interests of Australian people and we the Australian people would have no vote in the American election system State or private conglomerates.

We would prefer to be citizens of our our sovereign country, not vassals of a very foreign country.

Even though we appreciate the debt we owe the U.S. in not now being a Japanese colony. We ourselves do not wish to be dominated by their economic moves.

We also hope the submissions of others will be able to address the devious text we have been trying to unravel.

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For the above Yours Sincerely  
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