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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Re Trade Agreement with Chile

This must be one of the most useless of the spider webs that International Finance and Big Business are weaving for the free world. Chile!

Have there been public hearings on this, as provided by law?

But, a few more points include:

**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 and unambiguously excluding 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 only 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.

Australians had hoped that the new Labor Government would realise that, having had 10 years of drought, it is quite dangerous to be bringing in more migrants, without providing them with the HOUSES and WATER they will require. And what labour shortage is there? So that we can continue to dig up mountains of coal, iron ore, uranium, and aluminium ore, and ship it BELOW REAL VALUE to countries that wish to become huge military powers !!! Come on, politicians and advisers, you can't fool all the people all of the time.

Of course, to call these disgraceful sell-outs "Free" Trade Agreements really proves the inequity of it all.

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