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To whom it may concern

I am writing in response to Committee requests for input involving Australians Government Trade relations with the WTO.

The WTO has a reputation around the world for the destruction of civil liberty and the democratic process in general. Australian Government negotiators must be responsible to the citizens of this country for what are presently pro – WTO attitudes.

Several examples exist including Australian pork & salmon industries although the effects of WTO economic intervention are widespread. WTO member countries are obliged to follow the rules of this unelected body.

As an Australian citizen & voter I feel that the Australian government should not cause, though globalisation, the type of erosion of democracy and destruction of local sustainable economy evident in WTO member nations.

To truly gauge the sentiment of the Australian public regarding WTO, I request that an immediate extension of the exiting submission closing date be put forward. If the Federal Government ignores the strong anti – WTO feelings of the Australian people it will show in the polls.

Regards,

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