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**SUBMISSION FOR AUSTRALIA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE WORLD
TRADE ORGANISATION**

Dear Secretary,

I am a private citizen who thanks you for this opportunity to make a submission. My main concerns are as follow:

- 1) Developed countries not having any consideration for the appalling conditions in which workers in developing countries have to endure. We are all aware that companies set up business in developing countries to reduce costs. These companies should be made to take responsibility for the conditions in which their product is made and the WTO should be imposing severe penalties. The profit margins made by companies such as Nike are ridiculous when one considers the pay and work conditions.
- 2) The WTO should have consumer representatives from each country. We are constantly being 'reassured' that the WTO agreements are not only for the benefit of companies but the consumer aswell. I don't see how the WTO can think it can convince us of this when we do not have consumer representation.
- 3) I think all edible products should be excluded from WTO agreements. We have recently seen much angst about genetically modified foods. There is a conflict of interest having our food supply bound to WTO agreements and it will be at the expense of our health. This is a great concern of mine. If it wasn't for the WTO, phytosanitary agreements we wouldn't have to experience the rush of new foods on the market. What's the hurry?.

Yours sincerely

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