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RE: Australia's relationship with the world trade organisation

A major issue of concern with the WTO is that its rules and decisions are binding and often over-ride the democratic will of the people of a country. Effectively, this powerful position erodes a country's democratic decision making authority and shifts away from democratically elected governments to unaccountable, unelected corporations in positions of authority.

ie. WTO decision making reflects only the agendas of big business/multinational corporations

This picture seems so obvious, one wonders how any government let the WTO become so powerful. Any democratic country must monitor any industry moves which take away democratic rights..... ie. if the government is not concerned with controlling big industries, Media concerns and groups such as WTO will rule the world!

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