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SUBMISSION TO JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES.

I am greatly concerned at Australia's complicity in following the World Trade Organisation's policies.

It seems to clear to me that the WTO's priorities are not in Australia's best interest. Trade and commercial considerations to benefit trans-national corporations take precedence over domestic laws which we Australians have put in place to protect worker, consumer, environmental, health, safety, human rights, animal rights and other non-commercial interests.

I wish to express my strong opposition to any strengthening of the WTO's position. I demand that Australia takes a stand on defending its own laws for the benefit of its own people.

Increased globalisation of trade endangers all of us, both at a local level as local economies are systematically destroyed, and at a global level as increased transport increases the rate of global warming.

I suggest that the Australian government leads the way in cherishing people instead of corporations and that it demands the dismantling of the WTO.

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