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Thank you for the paper on Australia's relationship with the World Trade Organisation.

I would like to see the greatest emphasis on your last two points -

The relationship between WTO agreements and other multilateral agreements, including those on trade and related matters, and on environmental, human rights and labour standards; and

the extent to which social, cultural and environmental considerations influence WTO priorities and decision making.

It seems to me that when economics are being discussed, the environment, human rights and labour standards are the first casualty. No matter how well we are advancing economically, if people do not feel they have an important role to play, and that their lifestyle and that of the environment are secondary considerations, then the WTO will fail.

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