

**SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DEFENCE AND TRADE
REFERENCES COMMITTEE**

**INQUIRY INTO GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN
SERVICES AND AUSTRALIA/US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

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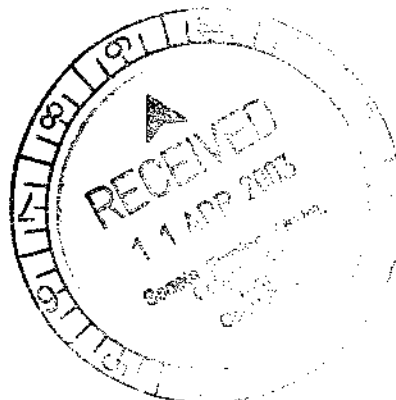
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I am sending this submission as a concerned Australian Citizen to your Committee to demand that the Government cease participation in the negotiations to implement the General Agreement on Trade in Services (G.A.T.S.)

To privatise Australian Government services and to allow Global Corporations open access to Australia is a threat to this Nation's Sovereignty, national security and against the general welfare of the people.

Since 1973 I have observed that Australia is being set up as a safe-haven by the International "power-elite" (who control world finance) because of increasing chaos and the threat of nuclear, chemical or biological warfare in the Northern Hemisphere

Australia is a good place to survive physically and to oversee a World Government set-up. G.A.T.S. is about Australia being further re-structured into a "Corporate State" and the people being disempowered and controlled.

When nations lose financial sovereignty they are soon taken over. Presently the Federal and State governments function as administrators of I.M.F., World Bank and W.T.O. policies on behalf of the "power-elite" who control world finance and commerce and are hell-bent on controlling populations and exploiting people and resources.

Free Trade, bank de-regulation, globalisation, privatisation, and GATS are examples of "power-elite" policies being imposed on the Australian people

We have seen the privatisation of public utilities fail in California. We have also seen the privatisation of electricity in South Australia and as a result large increases in the cost of power supply.

The Australian Government and the major political parties are being used as a tool of the "power-elite". Do you think they will really care about the services they provide other than making a profit. The other day I heard a company representative say we are no longer in the business we are in the money making business. Going is the service etiquette that should be and now it is profit at all cost even if the services they are meant to provide are not delivered.

We must say NO to GATS and all that it stand for so that we as Australians can control our own destiny in Australia

Yours sincerely,

Gabrielle Harkin