

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

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

SUBMISSION

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SUBMISSION TO SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
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I am forwarding this submission 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.)

I am deeply concerned about the possible effect of GATS negotiation upon Education, Health, Australia Post and our telecommunications. These and other key services would be open to becoming "tradeable services" and taken over by corporations that are subject to the vagaries of the free market and the demands of shareholders. To allow Global Corporations open access to Australia, and to privatise Australian Government services is a threat to this Nations Sovereignty, national security and against the welfare of the people

The implementation of GATS could lead to further private involvement in other government services such as water and sewerage services, waste management, zoning regulations, library services, and community services like childcare. Also on the agenda are Australia's tariffs on automobiles textiles and clothing, our Australian quarantine system, government procurement policies and state enterprises. There is no guarantee that this will not happen.

The sell-out of Australia to overseas interests is treachery. Keep Australian services under Australian control. Cease participation in the negotiations to implement the General Agreement On Trade in Services (G.A.T.S.)

Yours Sincerely,

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