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**From:** on behalf of FADT, Committee (SEN)  
**Subject:** free trade agreement with China

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From: Anthony James [mailto:sharedparadise@yahoo.com]  
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To: FADT, Committee (SEN)  
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Hello,

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage emphasis upon human rights as the basis of the relationship between the government of Australia and ANY other country. In this instance, in negotiating a free trade agreement with China, that human rights issues involving abuses (environmental, social and political) in both countries be made the highest priority. Lest the agreement be for its own sake, and not for the well being of the people.

In taking this stance, it is worthwhile considering the extended repercussions of human rights abuses. For example, Chinese abuses of human rights at home, currently extends to Tibet and Burma, with debilitating costs flowing through as far as Australia (narcotics, immigration and terror concerns, amongst others).

I look forward to hearing how these issues have been taken into account. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony James.

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By the age of 18, we are by omission taught to obey blindly and be excluded.

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