

From the point of view of our Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, I am extremely concerned that the so-called FTA with America will be a major coup for the American drug manufacturers. It's no secret that this group of lobbyists are the most powerful funders of George W Bush's political campaigns. The ink was barely dry on the agreement, and already they were talking about "changes" to the pricing structure. This can mean only one thing; price increases.

I sincerely hope that the Senate Committee goes in really hard on this one as the main users of PBS medications are pensioners (like myself) who are already struggling on a fixed income.

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