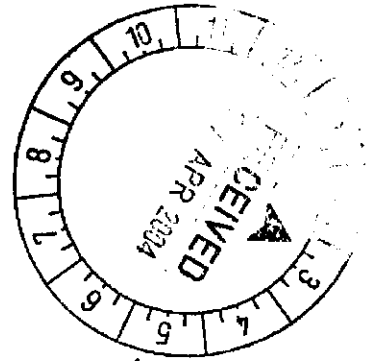


Senate Select Committee on the USFTA
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Dear Sir/Madam

We are writing to you with our concerns about the USFTA. Having recently read an article in the Australia Guardian about this subject we are both concerned that the people of Australia are heading towards becoming people of America residing in Australia.

We could have migrated to America but chose to come to Australia because we saw it as a country with a unique society and very good guidelines for living. Based on what our Founding Fathers gave us in the Constitution

Why do we need this agreement which will curtail our liberties -

all our Arts and Culture, Health Services, Industry, limits the regulation of Australian content in new forms of media. We have come a long way in the above.

Quarantine and food labelling laws, public enterprises, adopt US copyright laws, what is wrong with the one we have?

And this is only a small part of the agreement, there are others that we do not like.

Why should we be made accountable to the US in anything?

I hear people saying "we need America" and this upsets me greatly. In my opinion America needs us and we should not be signing any agreement that gives them the right to interfere with our way of life.

From two very Proud to be Australian Citizens.

Margaret and John Vanstone

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