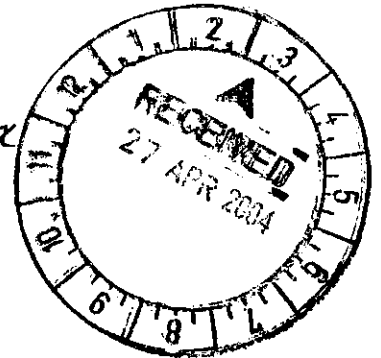


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This submission is in support of protecting
our national sovereignty for the benefit of all present
and future individual Australians

Australia should not prevent itself from
acting in the Australian national interest because
of an agreement with a foreign power.

Essential public services should be decorporated
and run from our own resources to protect them
and ultimately us with the ability of government to create
money to build and maintain public assets and services
accountable through democratic and other processes.
An example may be the conflict of interest that
Telstra finds itself in as an indebted profit motivated
corporation versus a public service that while
protecting the privacy of Australians from commercial
coersion provided equal and equitable communication
to all Australians ~~regardless~~ regardless of demography.

Restrictions on foreign investment must be
maintained. As I understand it an example would
be in recent times when Shell the oil company

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These are examples analogous to the U.S. free trade agreement which we may not in the future be able to exercise discretion over. The U.S. is a different system of government derived from a different history to Australia in a different part of the world with a different culture because of that history in that place.

A balanced trade agreement may be more beneficial to the Australian national interest than the free trade agreement where we trade our freedom and independence for nothing. The U.S. is constitutionally bound to act in its ~~own~~ interest. It would not be in any Australian long term national interest to be bound to that constitution through a free trade agreement. There should be no foreign U.S. intervention in decisions made by Australians. We have too many domestic and nearer ^{regional} relationship equations to balance. The Australian crown has eminent domain in Australia.

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There is an analogy that can be derived from a situation where as a child growing up in Albany I had a father living and working in New Zealand who sent a blanket for a birthday present. It took me much saving to pay the customs duty. There was at that time our own woollen mill making blankets in Albany and I understood that those peoples jobs and our self sufficiency were being protected. That same year 1966 I received an Albany blanket that is still intact while the New Zealand blanket has been gone a decade. If at that time those imports were allowed without the custom duty to be sold in local shops we might not have been self sufficient in wool products and those peoples jobs would not have existed and our foreign debt would have been greater and I would not own an Albany blanket made from Australian wool.

Under a U.S. free trade agreement we may find ourselves buying our needs from foreign or otherwise owned distribution systems selling foreign products thereby incurring foreign debt that could be used by foreign interests to pressure Australian governments to support the dispossession of Australians of their own resources and therefore it would not be in the national interest to

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jeopardise our natural interests to other
interests. Let us paddle our own canoe.
Be Australian!

Yours sincerely,
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