

I wish to express my opposition to the draft "free" trade agreement with the U.S., which appears, from the summary I have just skimmed through, to contain many aspects deleterious to Australia: PBS, drugs, Aust.content of films and TV, Aust. control over our trade, U.S. investment in Australia, changes to Patent Laws regarding drugs, tariff laws being "bound",health, education and welfare, complaints by investor states against Aust., full "market access" for U.S. companies, regulations for services, integrity of water, energy and public broadcasting suppliers, Telstra privatization, public broadcasting, quarantine, genetically engineered foods and crops and environmental protection needing to be "voluntary" and "market-based" (surely a contradiction in terms).

The agreement sounds like a step back for Australia (as has been the present government).

Yours faithfully,

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