

Submission to Senate Committee on Free Trade

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My submission is brief and short  
I submit that global economics have all to do  
with the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer  
and have as much connection with what ~~and~~ to  
be called "common sense" as the proverbial  
Emperor with his new clothes, who could not see  
that he was naked, and foolish. Who's being conned?  
Since my area is Wellness - promoting health and the  
prevention of sickness; perhaps I'll put it first.  
The present practices of food production are all market  
oriented. Food is depleted during growth, harvesting,  
transport & shelf-life (to name a few). Our society may  
live longer - but it is seriously unhealthy & depleted.  
Free Trade will make it worse. You all should look at  
Permaculture where - for good results - food goes without  
delay from the garden to the table. Transport round the  
world has got to be hopelessly inefficient in terms of  
non-linear criteria.

Economics. I stand on bottleslee Beach in Perth most  
days & count the container ships importing what we  
used to make ourselves. A couple of years ago I would  
average 3 moored out in Gage Road's awaiting berths.  
These days it averages 7 or 8. People better qualified  
that I can argue economics etc. I remember in my  
sums at school I learned the inexorable rule: -  
imperfect fractions come down to the lowest common  
denominator - which I suspect is terrible cruel labour

why do we inflict this madness on ourselves. Wealth  
and money are totally different. If we got rid of all  
exports & imports we in Australia would be very  
wealthy, (a probably have a lot of money too), plus a  
huge surplus above all we needed. Economics  
not as ragged as presently implemented.

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