

To who it may concern,

I am writing to you to in regard to the DMCA (Digital Millenium Copyright Act) like laws that the US would like us to adopt as a part of the recent free trade agreement. I have recently become aware of this committee that is inquiring into the FTA. I'll try to keep this short.

I would like to make it clear that I believe that implementing a DMCA type law would be a bad thing for Australia. Are not our existing laws enough? Why should it be illegal for me to watch my legally obtained DVD videos on my DVD-ROM drive in my operating system of choice? I am also very concerned about what this could mean for other software, in particular open source software. I am currently employed by a small business (3 employees) and we make regular use of free software. Having this software become illegal would not be a good situation for us to be in.

In closing, I'd like to direct you to <http://www.petitiononline.com/auf taip/> which I agree 100% with as well as do thousands of others.

Thank you for your time,

Jason Weathered