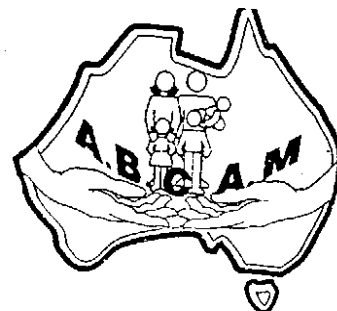


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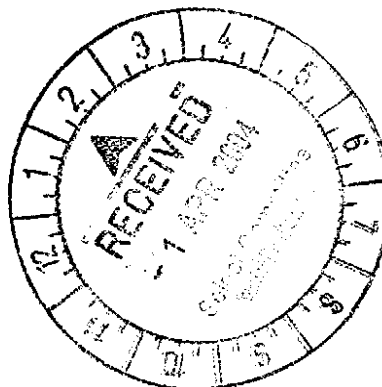
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27 March 2004

The Secretary,
Senate Select Committee on the
F.T.A. between Australia and the U.S.A.
Suite S1.30.1
The Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Committee,

In accordance with your request for submissions on the F.T.A. with the United States of America, and on behalf of "A Better Compassionate Australia Movement Inc.", I submit as follows.

1. The Howard Government claimed the purpose and objective of entering into negotiations with the U.S.A. for a Free Trade Agreement, was to give Australian agriculture access to the huge North American market for our Agricultural products. This has not been achieved. It never was a realistic expectation.
2. The terms of the Agreement as published see Australia ceding advantages to America regarding Pharmaceuticals, Quarantine, control of investment, and the continuing tariff protection for our industries. All these areas are vital to us. The F.T.A. really amounts to a substantial loss of our Sovereignty, never to be regained.
3. Further, these Free Trade Agreements, whether stipulated or not, involve a substantial transference of population. In our case the worsening of our employment situation accompanying the F.T.A. is another negative for Australia.
4. And again further, the F.T.A. as written can ONLY mean a very substantial increase in our off-shore debt, presently costing us millions quarterly.
5. We can only look to the Senate to save us from this most untoward and foolish move by opposing every attempt at amendment of the Agreement as it presently stands, so heavily in favour of the U.S.

We do not need it. We can do very well without it. It is obviously part of an overall plan by the Howard Government to bring Australia gradually into the proposed Socialist New World Order, and therefore has political overtones rather than having the wellbeing of our Australian People at heart.

Yours faithfully,

R.F. Sherlock
for A.B.C.A.M.