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To: FPA, Committee (SEN)
Subject: Australia-US Free Trade Agreement

This is my submission to the Senate Select Committee on the USFTA.

Please take notice of the fact that the effects of this agreement between an Australian Prime Minister and his government and the United States President and his greedy corporate supporters will lead to major problems in our country.

As a retired worker both in corporations and the public service, the mother of six taxpayers, their taxpaying partners and grandmother to 16 present and future taxpayers I have accumulated some knowledge in my 70 years. I know what I am talking about when I say that this government will damage so much with this agreement which is just part of John Howard's devotion to George W. Bush.

As an elderly person who is a part pensioner I am horrified at the prospect of this agreement ruining our pharmaceutical benefits scheme. The politicians who approve of the agreement will be wealthy enough to cope with this situation - millions of us ordinary people will not! There is the threat to Australian media too and so many other issues affecting our way of life here. Please listen to this submission and let it influence your decisions.

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