

Dear Secretary,

i am writing to voice my concern over the intention of my government entering a Free Trade Agreement with the United States Government. My primary concerns are in the fact that I fear the loss of future representation of our ever growing cultural identity through the lessening of Film, Television and music, due to the control that may be enforced by American interests. It is my great concern that whilst Australians are given more of a chance to represent their own ideas and their own view points we stand together a greater opportunity to to enhance a positive cultural identity that represents who we are as Australians (and nor Americans) more easily.

I also fear that the Centre of International Economics has inappropriately modelled expected gains from the Aust-US FTA and that a more realistic and accurate prediction has not been voiced. The CIE's finding was based on an total opening of the market on both sides of the agreement. with a set exchange rate of 53 Australian cents to the American dollar. Another study, commissioned by the Department of Primary Industries and Energy favoured an outcome that showed more negative gains to our economy.

Please let it be known that I, as an Australian citizen, clearly object to our government proceeding to sign this Free Trade Agreement with the US.

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