

To whom it may concern,

I am a Tasmanian farmer. I have been following the progress of the FTA with the USA and have come to the conclusion that Australia will be big losers on the whole. It seems that we are to let our safety guards down while the USA keeps every protectionist system they have in place for many years to come and we will be expected to buy more from the USA than they will from us. I am also extremely concerned with the dangers which will be exposed to our agricultural sector both through disease and unfair competition.

I must say NO to any Australia/USA FTA in it's current form and would rather see something which is not pressured and rushed onto us by the USA, bureaucrats and/or politicians. I would also like to see individual agreements worked out one at a time with much more public consultation in a completely open and informative manner. In my opinion it is better to stay as we are than lose a lot to gain a little.

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