

The proposed US-Aust. Free Trade Agreement is not in Australia's interests because

- * it could threaten the jobs of tens of thousands of employees in the car industry by eliminating the tariff on auto components.

- * it threatens to make medicines more expensive.

- * it adopts US copyright law which could lead to higher costs for libraries, schools universities .

- * it gives US Government a say in quarantine and regulation of food labelling ,including GE food labelling.

The benefits of the FTA seem to be quite small. Sugar has been excluded ,dairy industry gains are quite vague and beef will ha

ve to wait 18 years for full access.

I urge your committee to find that this agreement is not in Australia's interests and should be rejected.