

Dear Sir,

I am a little alarmed at the prospect of an FTA which could permit genetically modified foods into Australia without any safeguards nor any marking on the foods to warn us just what we are eating. Already our livestock is being fed gm feed - and that will eventually be fed to us, unmarked - and I am not happy.

Then there is the problem of our pharmaceutical programs.....will it be possible for US manufacturers to demand that we pay what they say we must pay?

Overall I am not at all sure that the present FTA is in our favour, we seem to be giving a whole lot more than we are going to receive - if the losses outweigh the benefits the FTA must be rejected. Our government should have held out for sugar to be included - or walked away. It bothers me that the US giants could dictate to us and our government couldn't refuse to co-operate.

Sincerely

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