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Secretary
Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America
Suite S1.30.1
The Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA, ACT 2600

Dear Senator:

Marschall Acoustics Instruments Pty. Limited is an Australian owned, Australian company that develops and manufactures scientific instruments for large mineral resource firms worldwide.

We have examined the so-called "Free Trade Agreement with the USA" in detail and have concluded that it would be extremely damaging both to our business and that of our customers.

The extension of the USA's atrocious intellectual property laws to Australia, particularly software patents and restraints on free scientific enquiry, are exceptionally onerous.

Yours faithfully,
MARSCHALL ACOUSTICS * INSTRUMENTS PTY. LIMITED



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