

: FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Dear Secretary,

We ask you to do all in your power to stop the signing of the Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.A.

We do not see that it will benefit the majority of the Australian public, and that it will have far reaching and dangerous consequences for everyday life and democracy in Australia. We see its negative impact in increasing prices for medicines, copyrighted materials and many services such as health and education. It will weaken rules for Australian content in the media, it will limit foreign investment and soften quarantine laws, food labeling and environment protection, licensing and other standards.

The USFTA would increase Australia's dependence in the USA, not only its economy but also its politics and general security and military interests. It may seem good for high income people and some corporations but not for the rest of us. Please consider your position very carefully for the good of this country.

Yours faithfully,