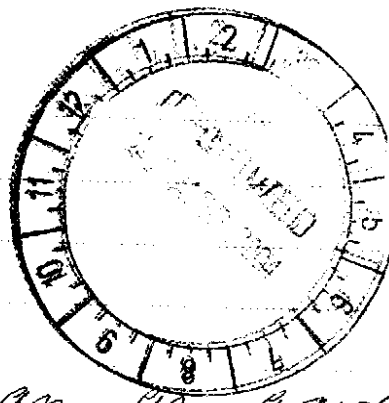




Dear Sir,
I am an aged pensioner and I am very concerned re F.T.A between Aust and U.S.A. In my opinion a more appropriate title would be the U.F.T.A (unfair T.A).

Undoubtedly, there are many items in it that I am not familiar with, but I have followed discussions on the radio, and heard enough to make me uneasy. I feel our P.B.S, possibly unique in the world, will be made vulnerable to attack by the U.S.

From what I understand the U.S pharmaceutical industry (or the U.S. government on their behalf) will have the power to query the pricing structure of our pharmaceuticals and even more frighteningly have input into same. Surely the Aust Government should be responsible for its own pricing structure without outside assistance from interested parties.

We only have to note the way that the U.S treats South African AIDS sufferers to know that the main aim is to make big profits.

The argument for higher prices is that the money is to be used for further drug research, but the American pharmaceutical manufacturers spend twice as much on marketing their products as they do on research, and a big proportion of research expense is already picked up by various universities. Sounds like a con to me.

Further, I don't like the terms re our beef and horticulture industries, or the fact that the sugar industry has been left out altogether.

The agreement from the way I see it is a bit like "all the way with L.B.J.", or should that be George Bush?

Sincerely

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