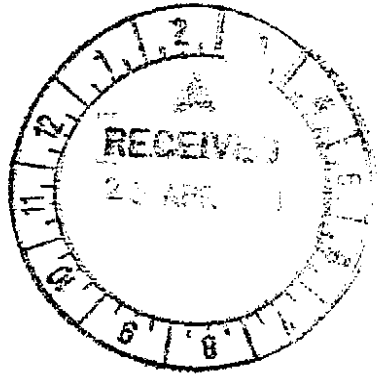




To

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The Senate Select Committee on the USFTA.

Dear Sir/Madam (My Submission)

Please find below the reasons why I am against a Free Trade agreement with the U.S.A.

It will

- Outlaw industrial action that in any way will restrict the operation of U.S. Corporations or hinder their profit making - cabotage would go.
 - Despite assurances to the contrary, the cost of medicines would rise under the P.B.S. as U.S. Corporations play a greater role in the decision making process and patent will come into force
- * (P.S.) I am deeply concerned about the PBS as I have a husband who is on Peritoneal Dialysis. He is totally dependent on the Public health system. I am also concerned about his medications plus my own. I am a chronic Depression patient who is dependent on a lot of psychotropic drugs.

- Will limit the regulation of Aust. content in the media
- quarantine and food labelling will be affected.
- will prohibit cross-subsidisation in public enterprises - it will lead to higher postal and telephone charges for rural and regional Australia
- Will adopt U.S. Copyright laws which will cost consumers more.
- It will affect ALL of Australia's laws and policies on investment and services at all levels of Govt.
- Will probably contain a 'Side letter' outlining the Govt's commitment to sell the rest of Telstra
- In agriculture - U.S. will retain its heavy subsidies and will if ever take about 18 years to open up fully to some of Aust's key exports.
- + Could lead to loss of employment here in Aust and possibly U.S.A
 - manufacturing particularly
 - Threatens environmental safeguards
 - Our Sovereignty will be threatened through such means as competition policy, deregulation, lifting of most

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restrictions on U.S. investment in Australia and putting U.S. and Aust. corporations on equal footing, even when it comes to govt. purchases and subsidies.

- the dispute settlement process enables U.S. govt. to claim that an Aust. law or policy is in breach of agreement.

- Aust Govt. will be made accountable to U.S. Corps.

and lastly

OUR Subservience to the U.S.A.
making us the 51st. state of the U.S.A.

I hope that this submission helps. But my feelings are that the Aust. Labour Party will buckle under the pressure. I was a Q.L.P. voter for almost 30 years I have come to the decision that the Greens are more honest and I shall be voting for them again in the coming election. Perhaps the numbers will help the Senate to make the best decisions. Thanking you for giving me the opportunity to make my presence felt.

Yours Truly