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RE: AUSTRALIA US FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (USFTA)

May, I've discussed, with my relations and friends from Cairns down the coast of Queensland, Central Coast New South Wales, South of Sydney, Brisbane, Wollongong, around to Box Hill North, in Victoria, and over to Perth and Darwin - the comments have been as follows -

- a) What good is the agreement to us, will prices be cheaper - NO - Well, it's no good for ordinary people farmers and retailers.
- b) Well there be more jobs - No! Well, why have an agreement?
- c) They'll be a referendum won't there? NO - Well, that's no fair we want a referendum.
- d) How will Legal, Laws, & Courts be affected? Well, we forced to go along with the might of the US - No thanks our country is better than the US.
- e) How will our food & all the GIM THING go if the agreement comes in. Well become a dumping ground, like all the unfortunate tiny third world countries - Well you know where the US can put that?
- f) How will pensioners and disability people get on? Well I have no idea.
- g) How will our travel be under the agreement - Well probably have the same standards as US - That's no good, they often have planes falling out of the air?
- h) Will electricity be cheaper - NO -

Well, we don't need any agreement, especially with US

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From my own extensive reading of material from GATT, MAI-TWO, WORLD BANK, INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND, - all of which have a huge component of the US/IMD Dictates on BOARD. The US interest on first and foremost, the NAFTA experience, surely should be a huge cautionary factor in considerations for any real equity with any dealings with US, especially on a country to country scale. Surely, the leather car seats experience in Vietnam, as a prime example in a form of "interpretation" will not emerge from a trade.

I cannot envisage the US of ever being able to be a true partner, in any, agreement the very test of the agreement is extremely biased and ambiguous.

In regarding the pharmaceutical debate, let's not forget that the main manufacturers of "retroviral" pills, patens and patents, is none other than patent company ROCHE -

This is a short overview of my research, as for heaven sake committee, don't let Australians down.

Yours faithfully,

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