

Hi

I'd like to make a submission to your inquiry, the **Senate Select Committee on the US Free Trade Agreement**.

I am particularly concerned on the impact the agreement, as it stands or is likely to stand will have upon the poor in our society and their equity and access to health services and pharmaceuticals. I am concerned that we may also as a nation be taking a great economic risk and selling ourselves short in many ways such as agreeing to the copyright and intellectual property mores of the US and handing their media and entertainment industry bodies the power to come here to sue us. Any moves towards DMCA applying in Australia or anything like it is abhorrent to me.

I am very, very worried about this and can't believe how far the deal has already gone without public support, consultation and proper disclosure.

Thanks

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