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Senator Peter Cook
The Chair of the Australian Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRALIA AND THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Senator Faulkner,

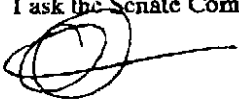
I write to you as the *Secretary / Executive President* of the ASU in the State of NSW,
I have been advised by the Unions National office, that there are considerable concerns held by the Union
that the USA - Australia Free Trade Agreement will - reduce the opportunities for ASU members in the
Public Sector and other Industries covered by the Union, reduce the number of Australian based directors
in companies, reduce regional employment, reduce decision making powers of local communities and
local or state governments (including Public Owned government Enterprises), and have a negative affect
upon many Australian's .

The Union in my state has also been made aware through the media of the possible loss of Australian
culture, reduced possible reinvestment in Australian jobs, the reduced tariffs on goods and of the one sided
or negative benefit to Australia, and that Australia did not get a deal as good as other nations that have
negotiated similar agreements with the USA.

The Tamworth, branch of the Union has great concern for the possible outcomes, non realised benefits to
Australia and the manner in which the agreement was negotiated.

We ask that the Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United
States of America, fully investigate and review the USA- Australia FTA, and establish a process of
renewed negotiations of the DRAFT Agreement that is acceptable to the broad Australian Society, and
recommence Negotiations in a manner that is before the fact rather than after the fact.

I ask the Senate Committee to reject the Agreement in its preset form.


Yours Faithfully

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