

Senator Peter Cook  
Chair of the Australian Senate Select Committee  
on the Free Trade Agreement  
between Australia and the United States of America

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Dear Senator,

I write to you as member of the United Services Union in the State of New South Wales.

I have considerable concerns held that the USA-Australia Free Trade Agreement will:

- reduce opportunities for USU members in many industries covered by the Union,
- reduce regional employment and the micro-economies dependent on this employment
- reduce the decision making powers of local communities and local or state governments
- reduce the financial viability of Australian government owned enterprises
- have a negative affect upon many Australians

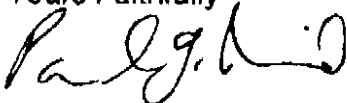
I am also aware of the possible loss of Australian culture, potentially reduced reinvestment in Australian jobs, reduced tariffs on goods and the fact that Australia did not seem to get as good a deal through the FTA as other nations that have negotiated similar agreements with the USA.

My fellow members of the Union at my workplace and I have discussed the above issues, and have great concern for the possible outcomes, 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 it and establish a process of renewed negotiations of the DRAFT Agreement that is acceptable to the broad Australian society.

**We ask the Senate Committee to reject the Agreement in its present form.**

Yours Faithfully



Paul J Reid