

I hope you are still taking submissions on the proposed free trade agreement between Australia and the US.

We are totally opposed to Australia entering into this agreement on several grounds:

- * it is not fair to our Australian farmers
- * it is not a unilateral agreement of free trade with America e.g. it does not include beef and probably never will
- * it will make Australia in effect ratify USA laws and then we'll be bound by their laws which we do not want
- * we don't want to incorporate our economy into the USA's economy. They have not proven their commitment to free trade with us so why should we enter into this agreement?
- * why are we having to help our sugar industry when we are one of the most efficient in the world? Because other country's governments, including the USA, assist their farmers and so we can't compete
- * Australia should look after Australia
- * Any perceived benefits can be wiped out by fluctuations in our currency so why not adopt the safer measure of protecting our farmers to the same measure as the USA protects hers.
- * Even in boxing, which is highly competitive, there are different grades and they don't expect to compete against each other.
- * Australian farmers and graziers have suffered enough with the drought to then be dumped by using this free trade agreement as they will be.

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