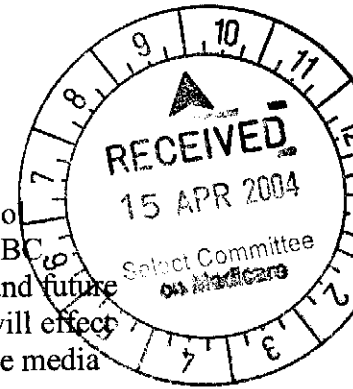


**ATTENTION:**

**Senate Select Committee on the FTA between Australia and the USA,  
Parliament House, Canberra, ACT, 2600.**



Dear Committee Members,

I write to you as a member of the Australian Society of Authors, retired School Principal and life- time supporter of Australian writers, performers and the ABC. I am deeply concerned by the threat to Australia's cultural heritage, present and future of the proposed Free Trade Agreement with the United States and how this will effect the control we have over what Australian content we have in all aspects of the media and the arts.

Australia has produced some of the finest dramas, novels, documentaries, Children's programs and films etc. in the world.

Pay TV is not going to solve the problem of maintaining the sort of Australian culture and employment of Australian artists and performers that our nation has the right and duty to protect.

The FTA has the potential to be a type of **ethnic cleansing** of Australian Culture and I do not use this term lightly.

We are trading away our national sovereignty with this agreement.

We probably won't know what we have given away until it is too late. We owe it to our children and succeeding generations to ensure we do not trade away their cultural birthright.

I seriously and sincerely urge you to reject any international trade agreement that threatens Australia's culture, heritage, integrity and the employment conditions of its workers.

Yours Sincerely,

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