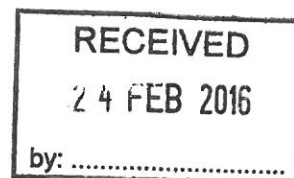


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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

RE: TPP

Dear Sir or Madam:

I BELIEVE IT IS NOT IN THE INTERESTS OF AUSTRALIA OR AUSTRALIANS TO BE
PART OF THIS SO-CALLED TRADE DEAL.

Some aspects of the proposed text are particularly devastating for our sovereignty and ability to govern and protect our country into the future. I list some of the most egregious clauses below:

ISDS tribunals allow foreign corporations to sue local, state and federal Australian governments for potential loss of profits should we see the need to protect our land, water or citizens or our social structures. This type of clause has already been used extensively throughout the world and against Australia and has the potential to cost enormous sums or not allow us to protect water resources, for example. A phenomenally stupid thing to sign on to.

Big pharma will have more power to determine our prices here in Australia and this has the potential to undermine our Medicare system...one of the best (at present) in the world.

TPP gives extra copyright protections to big corporates at the expense of consumers.

Not once is climate change mentioned or allowing for changes which WILL impact us. Environmental standards in the document are either weak or unenforceable.

According to the World Bank study there are only negligible benefits to Australia (0.7% growth by 2030). That is a ridiculously low amount when weighed against the losses.

There has been no independent assessment of what the agreement would mean for the Australian people and there is undue influence by big corporate players who stand to gain massively. Why the secrecy? Because if people and polities knew they couldn't in good conscience sign on to it.

I urge you in the strongest way possible to dump this horrible piece of legislated corporate takeover.

Sincerely,

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