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To Whom It May Concern

Submission for Federal Committee on Treaties

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you as I am concerned that our government supports the WTO. By supporting the WTO our government promotes the destruction of our country's tax base, our democracy and our environment. Why does our government promote these forces which will undermine them. The Australian Government should never sign Trade Treaties and should support Australian business and farmers. Globalisation isn't and shouldn't be a fait accompli and I pray our government will bravely make a stand for our country as globalisation will only make the rich-poor gap ever wider creating poverty of not only money, but demoralisation of the people to be self sufficient and be supported in their own country and business. I have felt necessary to involve myself in being a protestor to make my beliefs heard that it is truly criminal to support the WTO. Hopefully you will see that the public, if they were made aware of the real situation, expects our Government to act on their behalf and they assume that they will do the right thing, let's hope that you finally realise this as a fact. I am a parent of 2 teenage children and know once our power is taken away it is something that can never be replaced - it is priceless.

Please hear my cry for help and recognise this as the majority of thinking but they are probably aren't even made aware of it. (due to pro-WTO power of the media)

Yours faithfully

Helen Stickley- Thompson

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