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MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

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Dr Dennis Jensen MP  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Petitions  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Jensen

Thank you for your letter of 3 March 2014 regarding petition 833/1300 on the use of pesticides and harm to human health, presented by the Member for Fremantle on 27 February 2014. As requested by the Standing Committee on Petitions, I have limited my response to the element of the petition that falls within my portfolio responsibilities, the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

The Australian Government is not intending to sign up to international agreements, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, that would restrict Australia's capacity to govern in our own interest – whether in the area of healthcare, the environment or any other regulated area of the economy.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I trust that this information is of assistance to the Committee.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Robb