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Senators,

As an Australian I read and watched the dismissal of the Prime Minister, all was in accord with protocol. Subsequently I watched the swearing in of the new ministry. and was disappointed and offended to hear each candidate swear allegiance to the Queen, not one word of loyalty to Australia or the Australian people.

Since then, I have wondered if this absence of sworn loyalty to Australia, gave rise to The Competition Reform Act 1995 and the signing of trade agreements having detrimental clauses for the Australian people. It seems the Government has shrugged off any feeling of obligation to the Australian people and totally invested its dedication in the welfare of the corporate sector—multi nationals—foreign shipping lines.

The passing of the Competition Reform Act 1995 resulted in governments, both state and federal, engaging in a massive sell-off of the people's assets. No referendum was held seeking citizen approval. No political party made it an issue at an election.

A further restriction imposed by the Act is; No government business will have an advantage over a private business simply because it is a government enterprise.

It is in my humble opinion a shameful Act. Makes you wonder if aliens had taken over the government---certainly the thinking of the government was/is alien to the welfare of the people.

Free trade agreements --- they should be pushed aside and replaced with cautiously negotiated fair trade agreements, none of which should carry binding conditions on either participant. We live in an age of trade embargoes and advancing global warming, it is essential for this country, {any country}, to be self sufficient to counter these adverse situations.

No doubt industry groups will recognise the advantage of the ISDS provisions and the free movement of labour. They represent their shareholders, their motivation—greed. You senators have a greater responsibility; you represent the mums, dads and the children of Australia. You must protect our culture, our laws, health, education and community spirit. Protect them from foreign interference. In other words reject the TP-11proposed agreement.

Yours sincerely, Alex McKechnie.

Hopeful that you make the right decision