

Committee Secretary

Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee

Parliament House, Canberra

My name is Carlos Andrade, I am a resident of Lismore in New South Wales.  
I am very worried about the new version of the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement (TPP-11 or CPTPP) and the secretive and anti-democratic way it has been created and negotiated.

The TPP-11 has now been given the even more Orwellian title: the "Comprehensive Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership" agreement. It is basically the same as the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement, but with a relatively small number of clauses currently suspended. As such, it is a 6000-page bill of rights for big business, with no benefit for ordinary people of the Asia-Pacific, and no benefit for ordinary Australians. In Australia we do need a bill of rights, we need a bill of rights for Australian citizens. However, something we really don't need is a bill of rights for big business being imposed on our nation!

As I stated, the TPP-11 or CPTPP is a bill of rights for big business, not benefiting the Australian public. I can't see any real benefit to Australia from the agreement, whereas the cost of the agreement to Australia seems immense.

As the TPP-11 is not in the public interest, I ask you in the strongest terms not to endorse the implementing legislation. Saying no to the implementing legislation is the only opportunity for parliament to stop a bad agreement, and this is a terrible agreement! I urge you not to endorse the implementing legislation of this terrible agreement.

Yours sincerely, Carlos Andrade.