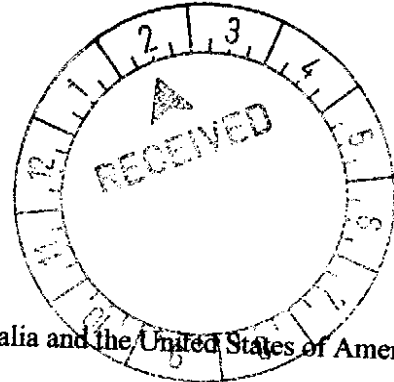


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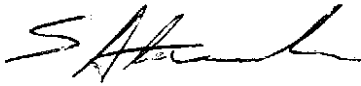
The Secretary  
Senate Select Committee on the Free Trade Agreement between Australia and the United States of America  
Suite S1.30.1  
The Senate  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA, ACT 2600

Dear Senator:

I have closely reviewed the Free Trade Agreement with the USA.

By means of the FTA, the USA is attempting to surreptitiously extend its own intellectual property laws into our country. I find the abridgment of open and free scientific enquiry (as well as the inclusion of software patents) to be particularly burdensome, and an insult to this nation.

Regards,



Stephen Alexander  
Director of Technology