

I wish to register my disapproval of the proposed FTA between Australia and the United States, in its current form at least. I believe that the agreement sells Australia's interests short in many areas, but that which most concerns me (as it relates to my livelihood) is the effective importation of the US Intellectual Property and patents regime into Australia.

This move will severely undermine the growth of the Australian IT industry, particularly in the areas of open source software development. This is bad for Australian business and bad for the Australian community in general. There is simply no benefit in this for us and it should be dropped.

Thankyou
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