

**Don't Trade Australia Away**



**NO US Free Trade Agreement**

# The Australia US Free Trade Agreement is not in Australia's interest because it...

- gives US drug companies rights to seek higher prices for medicines (US prices are 3-10 times Australian prices). Health experts estimate this will raise prices by 30%, costing \$1.5 billion per year
- restricts our right to have Australian content rules for new media, meaning less Australian voices and stories on cable TV, internet and other new media
- adopts US copyright law, resulting in higher costs for materials used by libraries, schools and universities
- enables the US to challenge laws on essential services like water, electricity and public transport if the US sees the laws as barriers to its trade or investment
- sets up joint committees to give the US a say in Australian health policy, quarantine and food labelling, resulting in pressure to adopt US lower standards, eg Australia has labelling of genetically modified food for consumer choice, but the US does not, and regards labelling as a barrier to trade.

Dear Mark Latham,

The USFTA will not proceed if the implementing legislation is not passed by the Australian Parliament. I urge you to keep your pledge that the ALP will block the implementing legislation in the Senate because the USFTA is not in the national interest.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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The Australian Fair Trade and Investment Network (AFTINET) is a network of 85 community organisations and individuals that supports fair trade

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Please send this card by July 16

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