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MEDIA ALERT

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**FAIR TRADE NETWORK LAUNCHES NEW PUBLICATION ON THE AUSTRALIA US
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT TUES MAY 20**

Launch of **Trading Australia away?** a critical analysis of the impact of the Australia US Free Trade Agreement on Australian social policies. US negotiators have targeted the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, Australian content in film and television and labelling of genetically modified food as barriers to trade. This publication argues that these vital social policies should not be negotiated in a trade agreement.

When: 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm. Tuesday 20th May

Where: The Jubilee Room, Parliament House, Macquarie St. Sydney

Hosted by: Dr. Meredith Burgmann MLC, President of the Legislative Council

Speakers include:

- **Dr. Patricia Ranald, Public Interest Advocacy Centre**
- **Dr Peter Sainsbury, President, Public Health Association of Australia**, on the impact on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme and access to affordable medicines
- **Richard Letts, Coalition for Cultural Diversity**, on the impact on media and culture
- **John Hepburn, Greenpeace**, on labelling of Genetically Modified food
- **Paul Bastian, State Secretary, Australian Manufacturing Workers Union** on the impact on manufacturing workers.

T-shirts with the 'Don't trade Australia away' logo available for \$20.

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