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To the Australia-Malaysia FTA Scoping Study
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Dear Sirs/Mmes

I welcome the initiative of DFAT and the Government in calling for submissions, and hope the general public will be further taken into the Government's confidence to broaden public understanding and that continuing feedback will benefit all concerned.

Details that in my view call for wide discussion and progress reports from your Department before and during bilateral negotiations include commitment to include in any trade agreement provisions for

- * both parties to observe, and to monitor adequately, social and environmental impacts and safeguards, including
- * standards of the International Labour Organisation;
- * rights of all involved in production and transport of traded items and disposal of by-products;
- * autonomy of all levels of government providing public services and in regulating transactions and foreign investment in the interests of all stakeholders in each country;
- * parliamentary review of any trade agreement, as called for in the Senate's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee report;
- * no extra-judicial dispute resolving authority to subordinate democratic government to transnational commercial interests.

Sincerely,

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