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AFTINET TPPA LEAFLET ORDER FORM:

“Resurrecting the US Free Trade Agreement: what US business wants from the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and what we can do about it.”

The Australian government is currently negotiating a proposed new free trade agreement called the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) with the US, Chile, Peru, Brunei, Singapore New Zealand and Vietnam.

This new AFTINET leaflet explains that US businesses have identified important Australian social policies as barriers to trade. US business groups are seeking further changes including:

- to the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme,
- Australian content in film and television,
- regulation of foreign investment,
- and food and quarantine regulation.

US Business is also seeking more power by demanding that an Investor-State Dispute process is included which would allow them to sue the Australian Government.

These social policies help make Australia a more equitable society than the US, with a distinctive culture. The leaflet argues that social policies which protect the public interest should be maintained. They should be publicly debated here and decided by parliaments at the national or state level, not negotiated in a trade agreement.

The danger is that these policies will be traded off in exchange for access to US agricultural markets which was not achieved in the AUSFTA.

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