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China FTA Task Force  
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

This is our submission regarding this proposed Free Trade Agreement. FTA.

\*\*Australia should only enter into FTA's with Countries such as America where the strength of the American's Dollar as related to the lower 77 Cent value of our Australian Dollar allows Australia to gain a major benefit from that issue alone. This fact alone gives Australia a 23% Advantage over America for Australian Exports.

\*\*Australia must not enter into any FTA with any country such as China, which has a weaker Currency than Australia's.

\*\*Australia must not enter into any form of Free Trade Agreement with China

\*\*There are ZERO benefits to Australia and it's people by entering into a FTA with China, only Negative results will occur.

\*\*By Australia entering into a Free Trade Agreement with a Country who's standard of living is Lower than Australia's, is merely allowing Australia's own standard of living to fall.

\*\*In the case of any FTA with China, the negative effect on the living standards of all Australians would be Catastrophic.

\*\*An FTA with China will mean a complete destruction of reasonable Wages for Australian's.

\*\*The Chinese people exist and thrive on "a bowl of rice a day" Literally. Evidence is indeed available to prove that there are factories in China where the employees in those factories do not receive any pay or wages whatsoever. Those people are provided with food, water, accommodation and work their whole life without ever receiving a pay packet. Under a Free Trade Agreement we Australian's would be expected to compete against such a cost structure.

\*\*Foolish proponents and supporters of the FTA with China are not thinking. They are saying that China Presently Has Tariffs in place of 20% 30% 40% or whatever, imposed on the Australian products which are Imported into China. Those Supporters of the FTA think that the only way to have China's Tariffs dropped is to enter into an FTA. This is rubbish! Australia has wrongfully and sanctimoniously virtually dropped all Tariffs on Imported goods from all Countries around the World and this has hurt Australia. So! What Australia needs simply to do as regards China is to;

1 Australia must not enter into any Free Trade Agreement with China. And

2 Australia is to immediately Introduce Trade Tariff Equalisation Legislation which will, in a simplistic form, virtually mean that where China has a 30% Tariff applied to goods Imported from Australia, then, Australia shall apply a 30% Tariff to goods imported from China. Problem resolved!!!!

There is no need either Politically or Commercially to have a Free Trade Agreement with China because Australia will be the looser and will suffer. China would gain strength at Australia's cost.

