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To whom it may concern,

RE: AUSTRALIA-CHINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

I am writing to express my complete and utter opposition to the AUS-CHINA FTA at this point in time. As an Australian citizen I think it is appalling that the government is considering business deals with the largest human rights abuser in the worlds and I believe it slaps right in the face of what democracy is and all that Australia stands for. By signing this agreement we run against the traditions of Anglo-Australia and become hypocrites. (However, in the light of the genocide against Aboriginal Australians I guess it makes perfect sense that we are supporting another genocide agent trying to wipe out Tibetan culture.)

By signing this deal the Australian government will become a supporter of an extremely oppressive and aggressive crypto fascist "communist" regime who recent record of human rights abuse in Tibet and China is absolutely horrific, atrocious and unforgivable (at this stage).

No agreement with China should be signed by the elected representative of the Australian people and THEIR democracy until it can be independently proven that China's human rights record has become polished perfect and Tibet's sovereignty is returned to her rightful stewards living in exile in India. I hope you are not delusional enough to have taken China's recent self congratulatory propaganda pumped "Human Rights Awards" as factual??

If we really live in a so called "Democracy" that champions equality, freedom and independence as universal virtues then I shouldn't even have to write this letter because there is no way any level headed so called "democratic" government would even think about trade talks with a country who has committed so many human rights atrocities so recently.

I look forward to hearing your justifications for this abuse of universal ethics and morality

Yours sincerely

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