

# PETITION - TRADE THREAT TO PBS

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned recognises the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme has been extremely successful in ensuring affordable medicines for Australians. It has also supported companies involved in research, and many overseas countries look to it as a best practice model.

Your Petitioners request that the Senate:

1. Protects Australian's access to medicines by ensuring that pharmaceutical purchasing by the Australian Government be explicitly exempted from the Free Trade Agreement.
2. Calls on the Federal Government to bring any Free Trade Agreement to Parliament to be ratified.

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