

Name	Submission
sebastian	This is the worst thing ever to potentially happen to New Zealand. All of New Zealand and it's future generations will suffer from the the signing of TPPA which is NOT in the favour of the people of New Zealand. This must not go through at all costs.
Cameron Scragg	If we live in a democracy this should be decided with consensus of the people with an OPEN flow for knowledge for informed consent.
Jade Crosson	Who has the right on this earth to take away peoples power and tell them how to live? Are we not all equal? Signing this agreement will do just that for the people of New Zealand. What happened to our rights as New Zealanders and our say? We live in this beautiful country that in itself has said to be unique to all who live in it, so why is the government even considering this outrageous agreement that will put us under the control of major corporations and will strip us of our unique individuality as New Zealanders. Where will our independence go as a nation? What ever happened to the voice of the people, we have trusted the government to keep us safe from things like this but their thoughts for business and power has left us suffering and fighting for ours. We will be run by the big corporations overseas and be enslaved by their laws and legal documents. They will only think of how this land will benefit their business not our people. The big question is why has it not even been voted or discussed with the people of New Zealand like a democratic country should do, why has it been discussed in secrecy- this in itself should be illegal but of course only the government can make the laws and legislation's. If its going to change New Zealand then shouldn't we get a say? We are not robots or machines that can be controlled we have a voice. This unity of people right now in New Zealand to help fight this should be enough to call this off. We cannot fall into the trap, its never too late to make a difference.
Grant Upjohn	In looking at all the evidence of the TPPA, i believe the impacts to the New Zealander public far outweighs any benefits.. It may increase our economic growth, but not by a significant enough amount, and any benefits that growth will have, will only be in lining the pockets of the rich exporters. None of the money to be made from lower export tariffs will go to the workers, our wages wont go up as a result, you can already see that from the NZ-China Free Trade Agreement, none of our salaries went up significantly. What's worse is that if legal drug prices go up as a result of this, it wont be the export companies effected by the price hit, it will be the average member of the public, who already can't afford some of the treatments available. Then we have the potential for american companies (already well versed with suing the state), suing the NZ government for any legislation that will stop them from being able to rape and plunder our lands... We have at the moment fishing quotas, and government protected reserves (which can't be mined), how does the NZ government think it will stop big American corporates from suing us for restricting their ability to plunder us? Then we have campaigns for making cigarette sales harder (blacking out brands etc), i can see that changing under TPPA, as corporates will see that as hindering their ability to sell us cigarettes... If you think for a minute this will really benefit the new zealand population, who you were elected to represent, then you are blind, quite possibly to your own greed. Will John Key put his own wealth on the line in support of the TPPA?, Will he subsidise all pharmac products, through his own wealth and investments, or is he relying on his own investments, to make him immune from any fall out from this, and when the NZ public are struggling to grow their own food, because of corporate restrictions, when the NZ public are struggling by medicine they need, because pharmac can't afford to subsidise the medicine coming in, he'll be in the bahamas living up life knowing he doesn't have to suffer the ill fate he placed on the average kiwi. This is all without even considering the impact to Te Tirit O Waitangi.. John Key is just paying the average kiwi lip service, in actually representing us, and if we could do an election right now, to vote the current government out, i'd be backing that 100%.. I use to be an avid National supporter, but in recent times, John Keys, nonchalant attitude to the kiwi population, has put me off supporting such an irresponsible government. So I am against TPPA, and will continue to push for it to not be signed.
TILA	There is not enough information on what is being signed.....Live Broadcast of what the TPPA entails, the benefits and I mean ALL OF THEM!!!! if its supposed to build up our economy then why all the secrecy.....i dont want to pay more for my medications so what then pharmaceutical companies can keep us sick and then get us to pay more? HOW AM I AS A MOTHER, A STUDENT, A RESIDENT OF NEW ZEALAND GONNA BENEFIT ME? WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE TPPA AND WHAT ARE THE DOWNFALLS OF IT? BE HONEST ABOUT WHAT THEYRE SUPPOSED TO BE INFORMING US ABOUT.....STOP WITH THE LIES AND BE STRAIGHT UP.....
Mana Poutama	There's no way we should allow the US to spread there coorporate greed and corruption to our beautiful country
Elise	Once the tppa is signed, it will officially and legally put to end any remnants of NZ being a free, democratic, and sovereign nation.

Andrew	I believe that if the ttpa is ratified, we as a nation will be giving our sovereignty over to corporate America, losing our independence as a nation.I as do not wish the nations Flag to be changed.New Zealands wealth is already to unevenly now without further erosion via corporate greed.Democrocy is a joke when a party can govern because the majority of the wealthy vote whereas the majority of the population don't vote, because they are to consumed with trying to make ends meet, they don't have time for politics.
Amber white	I am angry that TPPA is considered an option. TPPA is not our future. it completely undermines NZ citizens and makes NZ incredibly vulnerable
Na-young kim	From the things I have been told, informed and researched myself, the signing of the TPPA is definitely not the course of action I and many others would like for our country, nor for fellow New Zealanders. The TPPA represents everything that New Zealand should not look to be. We are a small but solid and stable country that continues to flourish due to our country's contribution to many trades and our own short but unique and inspiring history. Once this TPPA agreement is legalised and actions are taken for it to be implemented into our society, I believe that this will be the beginning of New Zealand's loss of independence (due to relying on foreign companies, and irrational power that this agreement will lease to foreign countries etc). The moment the TPPA is signed, we are effectively losing parts of our culture, the sacred and sovereign identity of New Zealand and allows for vulnerability in both the government, economy and numerous other systems, one of them being Public Health. I implore that New Zealand should not be subjected to foreign power players and people who only wish to exploit New Zealand for the benefit and profit of themselves. One of my main concerns would be the Public Health system and medicine being one of the main factors being affected drastically as a result of the TPPA. It is already worrying with prices of daily needs increasing, but if big corporations and foreign companies are able to freely push about and be a devastating threat to New Zealand's local and smaller companies, this is unacceptable. The average New Zealander works for at least 7 hours a day, may it be full of hard labour, an unbelievable amount of paperwork, or in serious and risky conditions. If prices start to rise, and the control on effective health advertisements and organisations are shut down due to overseas companies suing us, how can we benefit from such an agreement? The negative effects outweigh the minimal good the agreement might bring, and is putting New Zealand and New Zealanders at risk of concerning exploitation. The TPPA will effectively drive out the democracy we are so proud to have. Of course, we will still be a democratic country, but who is to say the important and vital issues of our nation are not controlled by the hand of the upper players? Corporate power and influence over the political process is not something to take lightly, and most New Zealanders are not aware of what the agreement would bring. I am sincerely asking on behalf of our nations democracy, identity, culture and history that we would not implement the laws of the TPPA nor absolve to sign it in the first place.
June Te Huia	The TPPA will: Take away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest Put corporate interests ahead of urgent priorities like climate change, affordable medicines, internet freedom, quality jobs, social justice Allow foreign companies to sue us for taking measures to protect the environment or public health in ways that damage their profits Give foreign investors special rights not available to New Zealanders and a guarantee that government won't restrict foreign purchases of residential homes and land or control of key sectors Bind New Zealand governments to a pro-corporate agenda for the indefinite future, in violation of our democracy, sovereignty and the Treaty of Waitangi.
Ariane Thompson	Any agreement that binds future parliaments and jeopardises our democracy is anti-constitutional. The government should not have power to make these sorts of decisions, especially without consideration and consultation of Māori.
Janie scott	I don't agree with the TPPA at all.
Rene Ribotton	no!!!!!!
Tamara	This is not a good deal for ANY of the signatories. The TPPA subverts democracy and gives corporations far too much power. I will continue to oppose this agreement in any way that I can. Sincerely, Tamara Henry
Lili Latham	These issues are extremely important to me and New Zealanders in general. There is no deal that can offer solutions for this amount of concerns. The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Margaret Churcher	The TPPA threatens the future of our heath care, environment, culture, food and quality of life in New Zealand. National will never be forgiven if they choose to ignore the voice of New Zealand saying NO loud and clear. Selling our rights in our own country for corporate trade advantage is just plain dumb.If we loose our ability to protect our people and environment, what is left?

Margaret	I emigrated to New Zealand, captivated by its beautiful landscape, its charming citizens, and minimal corruption & greed of the government. Learning about the TPPA and what it means for New Zealand distresses me for what the future will hold. I feel the worst part is the signing away of the lives of hard working people to the devil (the US). New Zealand will be putty in the US's hands. New Zealand will be completely exposed and vulnerable to the corruption of corporate greed on the other side of the world. Clearly, with this signing, the US has begun its manipulation with the New Zealand government. Also, there will be no positive impact on the environment here. New Zealand prides itself for the "100% Pure" slogan. The TPPA will not keep New Zealand pure. Although I couldn't check off as many reasons for concern as I would have liked, I also feel that the TPPA will only hurt the provisions and settlements in the Treaty of Waitangi. The signing of the TPPA is disrespectful to the Treaty and Maori (past , present, and future). Enough of corporate greed and the spread of such a disease to New Zealand.
Serena	Dear Government, This is a very serious letter from myself and my son. We do not want the TPPA to go ahead, because it is not conclusive to the wellbeing of our community as New Zealander's freedom to live in a Democratic society. We want to live in a Country where we can grow our own food, contribute to our community and live without fear of corporate power reigning. My son is a wonderfully intelligent wee fello, who will make positive changes to this world, if the TPPA is legislated he will not live in a world of possibilities but one of condition. I believe in the life my grandparents taught me. Family, community all contributing to a good life. If the TPPA goes ahead we will be forced to struggle to stay connected. This would be tragic for New Zealand and our future as a people. You are here in power because we voted for you, BUT, to be a part of a community the collective voices need to be heard. Look outside your office windows, there are people shouting, here (online) and on the streets, listen, listen, listen. People people, make a country what it is, give us a reason to stand with you not against you.
john	Inequality
james woods	One only needs to look at what is happening in other countries to see the damage done when major decisions are made in secret for the supposed good of the people.The US being the classic example.We do not want to be governed by the decisions of despots.
Jude Murdoch	I do not support New Zealand signing and ratifying the TPPA. My opposition to this relates primarily to the undermining of our democracy and Parliamentary sovereignty by opening up our country to liability for executive or legislative action that limits TPPA bodies' profits. Under section 4 of the Bill of Rights Act 1990, Parliament can pass law that puts unjustifiable restrictions on human rights, so it seems ludicrous to open a democratically elected legislature up to liability for potentially restricting profits to companies that are not even from our country. I am also opposed to the likely subordination of the environment and increase in corporate power and influence over New Zealand governments that will arise from being beholden to powerful foreign corporates and the ISDS, which prioritise profits and commercial dominance over everything else.
Malcolm Sired	I feel the democratic process we enjoy in this country is being undermined and will be further undermined by the detail in this trade agreement. I fear the impact it will have on our public health and medicines and the threat to climate action and our environment. I believe that the corporate power and influence over the political process that this trade agreement has undermines our democratic rights.
Joan	what makes the government so special that has convinced the Prime minister that his decision is all that counts when we already having the trouble of our own government voice speak the truth our indigenous people, whom will be the very people who will fail as a result of his own actions and agreements put into place
Jacqui Tong	I am a public health specialist have seen the impact of unrestrained corporate power in all sectors of health care in other countries and continents, especially for access to affordable medicines and healthcare. The TPPA will bring this dynamic to NZ and will most certainly be at the cost of those who need affordable care the most. No one in a country the size of NZ with its population should ever lack quality healthcare and already we see this with an increase in diseases of poverty.

Rachelle	<p>As a born and raised Kiwi of New Zealand and a Mother raising children in New Zealand it is a true fear that the future of New Zealand for my children is at stake. The root of all evil is money and when large Corporations are involved and are calling the shots it will never be in the interest of any New Zealander that is born and raised in this country. My children shouldn't have to worry about if they are going to live or die based on an uncertain public health system, large costs to pharmaceuticals and to think that it won't happen is a joke. I have lived in America and we are going down the same path that they are living in now and it isn't pretty and certainly a place that us as New Zealanders would never want to be about or live by, there is no such thing as the American dream and certainly no place for it here in New Zealand. We like to be known by our names here, not as a number, that is the difference in being a New Zealander as opposed to other countries that are signing the agreement. The thought that some Corporation that knows nothing about our culture our Kiwi ways can just pass a law or judgement on the way we should live on our land without so much as a care or thought for our people is just like signing away every New Zealanders way of life and what we stand for. You sign this agreement and the pride of what it is to be a New Zealander will die with it, because all we become is a part of a big Corporate conglomerate all lumped in the same basket with all the other countries that have no back bone or Kiwi ingenuity like we have to stand up and make a stand to say we DON'T want to be like every body else, we are New Zealanders, we should be making decisions on what is best for our own people, our own land and our children, they are our future, please leave them something to be proud of! When America gets it right then maybe we should sign, but right now that would be like dancing with the devil!</p>
Michelle Ah Koi	<p>To the New Zealand Government, I don't give you my permission to sign this TPP agreement, or change laws or bylaws to support the United States interpretation of the text. My concern is with corporations suing government and future governments for implementing laws that protect the people of New Zealand but affect large corporations. The Treaty of Waitangi and the Tagata Whenua are crucial in protecting and conserving our natural resources and this should not be compromised or threatened. I disapprove of anything that may inhibit government from taking significant steps to slow the effects of climate change or future governments from setting policy or being sued by corporations for policy. I want the government to listen to the people who voted for them and the people who didn't, not be pressured by corporations.</p>
Jake McComb	<p>The biggest issue I have is the complete lack of transparency, the fact that New Zealanders have been kept in the dark about the contents of the agreement and that our National Government have refused to listen to the majority of Kiwis who don't want this agreement.</p>
Pablo DEI Aguila	<p>In its more than 6,000 pages of binding rules, the TPPA fails to even mention the words "climate change" - a clear sign it is not "a 21st-century trade agreement," as some have claimed.</p>
Jessica Rutherford	<p>Dear Prime Mnister and Government of New Zealand, I may not be anyone to you, but I am everything to someone. And that someone is relying on me, and you, to ensure her country, food, air quality, human rights! are in good hands for her and all of our children and her children, our grandchildren. Not in the slimy hands of profit watchers. Greed should not rule!! We have come so far to not go back to the days of pharoahs and slaves. Greed for corporates who already have more than enough, while the poor gets poorer. When you die, you are dead. you do not take your wealth!! This greed is not worth the destruction that it is already and only just beginning. That war is not where I want to be. That destruction is not where I want my child or yours to be. They should have rights and be valued and listened to. Dispose of the TPPA, in NZ and in the world. Thank you.</p>
Jayden	<p>I feel as if our power as New Zealanders will be made redundant. Our way of life, our identity and our freedom will be brought to naught. By pursuing the TPPA I feel as we are opening the flood gate to further obscurity. Becoming a source of money as compared to a source of cultural and lifestyle diversity. As a voting citizen of this beautiful country, I am not happy with the TPPA what so ever.</p>

	The fact that the TPPA ha been negotiated behind closed doors and that elected government officials have had little to no access to it while the Corporations have full knowledge of its contents from it inception leaves many wondering what is in this deal and why? Leaked documents have shown us that benefits to NZ will only occur over a 30 year period and essentially is no improvement on the current projections to the GDP over the same period in its current state. So where is the benefit to trade for NZ. There is none as far as I can determine. It is also of great concern that any disputes between corporations and a state regarding this trade deal will be referred to the ISDS rather than a court of law. This leaves the door open for conflicts of interests as the ISDS will be comprised of the same people with whom any dispute is lodged. The TPPA reeks of fascism at its worst with Corporations deciding what countries policies best suit them to further line their own pockets with gold. We are in danger of losing our sovereignty to foreign corporations. We can already see the influence the TPPA is having in our country as the National Government changes our flag and our currency to meet the needs of the TPPA. I also fear that public health and medicines will become corporatized like America to the point where the only way the people of New Zealand can access medical assistance is if they have medical insurance. No more free healthcare for the masses and larger prescription fees for all. The poor and the needy, the elderly and the young will all suffer from changes to our health system and that needs to stop. I am also concerned about the lack of consultation with the tangata whenua of New Zealand. Maori thought we could see a glimmer of hope when the Waitangi Tribunal was formed and historical disputes were being settled, however it appears that, as has always been the case, the Government has decided to move the goal posts. We convinced ourselves that the government was finally recognizing us as partners in a Treaty that spans 170 years yet no representatives of maoridom were invited to help flesh out this trade deal. If they had, there would be absolutely no situation at all where our intellectual rights or the use of our taonga or any of our cultural practices could be usurped by any corporation for their own use without first seeking approval from the iwi. This is in blatant disregard to the people of New Zealand and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi. In closing I would like to make it perfectly clear that this or any future government of New Zealand that ratifies the TPPA without first disclosing the full agreement in its entirety to the public for perusal and discussion does so in the full knowledge that they are NOT acting in the best interests of the People of New Zealand and its dependent nations
John Gage	We don't WANT to be more connected to the rest of the world. What makes our country rare and beautiful is its seclusion, its nature and our culture. We are not America and we do not want to become them. Please do not give our power over to these corporations. Keep our right to make our own laws and protect the beautiful land of Aotearoa. These corporations do not care about destroying our land, culture, health or quality of life, they care only for money. Give away our rights to control what happens in our own country and we can't go back.
Shari	A trade agreement that has very little to do with trade between countries and mostly about protecting corporate interests. Why would we do that?
Grant Insley	When I was 14 years old, my family and I moved from Wellington to Los Angeles. Although the move was meant to be a temporary business relocation, after two years we decided to stay in the U.S. so that my sister and I could pursue an education at a top U.S. college (university). The NZ public school system prepared me well - I excelled in high school, attended a top U.S. university, and then a top ivy league law school, and was spit out as a corporate attorney (my current job) where I advise both large corporations and financial institutions in hopes of paying down my USD \$185,000 student loan sum. I'm in the belly of the beast, and let me tell you, it ain't pretty. Corporate America has a stranglehold on Washington D.C. (fun fact: for every elected Congressman the banking institution employs 5 lobbyists whose job is to push the big bank's agendas). This has led to ever increasing inequality (both domestically and abroad). Sure, the U.S. GDP is high; however, this is a misleading statistic as the increase is concentrated in the richest 1%. I currently live in a plutocracy - the American political process is merely a clearinghouse for the interests of the extremely rich and powerful. Is this what we want for NZ? Money (i.e. GDP) must not be the reason NZ ratifies the TPPA. Opening up NZ's borders to the extremely powerful U.S. financial institutions will not benefit NZ in the long-term. Corporate America is not the solution; rather, it's the problem. NZ must not ratify the TPPA.
Caleb Greig	if trade deals cannot be explained transparently to the people of nz prior to signing, then they have no moral right to be signed by the government on behalf of the people.
Faye Harvey	You are opening New Zealand up to being sued from foreign corporations. something we don't need here. We don't need more pharmaceutical companies negotiating what we have in this country and at what price. We do not need to be part of the US. WAKE UP!
Kathy	This was supposed to be a trade deal. There is little or no trade advantages to our country. All this TPPA deal does is hand our country over to the corporations to do as they wish with no redress or checks on their actions. New Zealand will no longer exist as a viable thriving country if this goes ahead.
Merv. Smith	

Jonny Doig	I don't want New Zealand to be vulnerable to multi-national corporations, especially in relation to battling climate change, but also with regard to decisions being made that will benefit the future of New Zealanders in general.
Robert Byrne	"Is the TPPA really a good deal for all New Zealanders? Will people and governments be allowed to protect public health and the environment? Or will corporate lobbyists get to set the terms?" I am concerned about several facets of the TPPA deal New Zealand Government is entering into. I don't want to see our nation more obliged to engage with corporate manipulation of policy. I worry about the loss of our sovereignty and the impact that will have on New Zealanders, particularly Maori and the Treaty of Waitangi. I am against the TPPA on the grounds that it may have a negative impact on our right to easily accessible and affordable public health and medicines. I disagree with the deal because of the potential strain it could further pile on our environment due to corporate interests taking priority. The TPPA directly contradicts my wishes for New Zealand, and insults the heritage of what makes our nation what it is. Rob Byrne
Christy	People over profit
Thomas Duncan	The TPPA investment chapter gives foreign investors, including some of the world's largest fossil fuel corporations, expansive new rights to challenge climate protections in unaccountable trade tribunals. This includes the power for investors to demand compensation for climate policies that do not conform to their "expectations" or that they claim reduce the value of their investment. • These challenges would be brought before trade tribunals, comprised of three private lawyers who could order governments to pay fossil fuel firms for the profits they hypothetically would have earned if the climate protections being challenged had not been enacted. • Fossil fuel corporations, including ExxonMobil and Chevron, have used similar rules in past agreements to challenge policies. Targeted policies have included a natural gas fracking moratorium in Canada, a court order to pay for oil pollution in Ecuador, and environmental standards for a coal-fired power plant in Germany. The TPPA is something New Zealand does not need and its people do not want.
Charles Goodwin	Don't go down in history as the government that destroyed our democracy. If you lot had been in in the 80s we'd have American missile bases by now. Either you have vested interests - it may marginally benefit the already very rich, I suppose, even if not the rest of us - or no spines. Either way, listen to the people , which means you don't sign away the country without at least a (binding) referendum.
lesley kaiser	Strongly object to NZ joining TPPA as undermines Democracy
Julia	Dont agree to the TPPA - protect our sovereignty - this is our country and laws and such of our country should NEVER be dictated by any corporation, investor, country or person
Laura	Might is not right. We are not an extension of the United States. We do not exist for its economic domination. We make our own laws that are to remain unchallenged by outside interests. We are not stupid, we are not illiterate to the issues. We care about more than the damn snapper quota, John. We, the people, do not consent to the TPP.
Peter Caulton	Very simply I do not want any corporate entity to have any rights to influence laws made by my parliament made for the well being and interests of our citizenry. If the government goes ahead and signs this agreement without these provisions being addressed, which are at present in the agreement, I will consider all members of the government that brings it into law as traitors to our democracy who should be dealt with in the appropriate way.
Paul Kennedy	Don't sign away our sovereignty so that we become dictated to by the US and global corporations. This is US initiative that will use all smaller member countries as pawns in its quest to maintain economic power on a global scale. The Maoris signed their sovereignty away to the Queen in 1840. John Key will sign away NZ sovereignty to the US and corporates if his government signs the TPPA
Kerry Little	I'm a New Zealander, I love my country and the freedom it allows me and my sons. I do not want for my country to be beholden to America or for America to have a say or determine how we as Kiwis live. I want for New Zealanders to have a voice and be heard by a Government who is not listening to their people. They have lost sight of true New Zealand and like the rest of the world following the mighty dollar. Shame!

	<p>Addressing climate change and environmental issues is unquestionably the biggest issue of our time. Just one of the ways that the TPPA does not acknowledge this is that it will restrict government autonomy to mandate "green purchasing," such as requiring energy to come from renewable sources in government contracts. We cannot enter into an agreement that means green policies can be challenged on the basis of an "unnecessary obstacle to trade." Trade should not be the priority of the NZ government. Trade is a means to and end to help create jobs and grow an economy in order to benefit all NZers. But the TPPA will not benefit us if it restricts our ability to make green commitments and reduce climate change. The agreement will also threaten PHARMAC, which is unconscionable. We need PHARMAC to help protect NZers from corporations. Health is not an area that corporations should ever be allowed to exploit and make profits from.</p>
Marion Grant	<p>The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. Do we live in a democracy when the vast majority of individuals are repulsed by a decision but the ELECTED politicians still advocate it?</p>
Callum Lambert	<p>When Will Government listen to the people that have put them there to represent them. Hnr John Key - do not sign this TPP agreement - wait and talk through and dont settle for less than what you said you wouldnt do.</p>
Louise Stodart Sully	<p>The TPP will threaten our children and their future and be detrimental to our most vulnerable citizens. The TPP offers no future for the people of NZ and allows multi nationals too much control over people they have no concern about.</p>
Miranda Wilson	<p>I feel that this TPPA undermines the our sovereignty to the benefit of Corporate Companies. No company shall have a say in how we use our resources without proper consultation</p>
Guenter Bobsien	<p>This agreement will affect our freedom to make new laws and policies based on public interests - everyday New Zealander's opinions on matters such as health and climate change will become second to corporate interests. New Zealand could easily be sued by foreign multi national corporations for making new laws - this means that future politicians are likely to be more reluctant to make new policies that could offend investors, and any litigation against New Zealand could easily offset any gains made from the agreement in the first place. Also, this process had been undemocratic and shrouded in secrecy. If this agreement is so good for New Zealand then why aren't we debating the pros and cons openly?</p>
Angela F McAtear	<p>Why are we allowing corporations to essentially become our government? They are not for people, as a government is supposed to be, they are for profit. This is an appalling breach of sovereignty. We are fools to agree to any of this.</p>
Caeley Gordon	<p>As a country New Zealand is small and nimble and can operate self sufficiently. As such we should be leaders in democratic processes and sustainable environmental practices. Not following in the footsteps of hegemonies, wanting our own tiny slice in the pie. Or rather, handing over our tiny slice to corporations and their armies of lawyers and lobbyists. Trade practices protected and encouraged by the TPPA are outdated, unsustainable in that they can escalate climate change, unethical in that they treat humans as consumers and chattel, and seriously straight out of a dystopian sci fi novel. One I do not want to live. Please let's not allow the stuff of our most frightening fiction to become the future for our children.</p>
Tara Benedict	<p>Too much of this process has been behind closed doors, too many secrets historically means people die and people suffer.</p>
Fala Tavita	<p>I believe the TPPA shouldn't be signed for many reasons, the main one for me being that Maori haven't been properly consulted and the Treaty of Waitangi exception is no guarantee of protection. Also that Private international companies will not take into consideration the delicate nature of our environment, focusing solely on their financial gain. Please do not sign for the future generations of New Zealanders.</p>
Olivia Wilson	<p>After reading these factsheets and watching the "5 reasons NZ should not sign the TPPA", I am concerned with how our country will be affected. The idea that another country or company can or will dictate, demand or sue, fills me with dread and concern for my children and their generation. It almost reminds me of a teenager trying to become popular with the cool crowd and by doing so, rejecting their morals in order to 'fit' in. I don't have anything against becoming more global, but I do believe that we need to protect ourselves, the environment, our culture and past, the Treaty of Waitangi, and the health and wellbeing of current generations and our future. As a country, we are still young, especially compared to America and England, but this is part of what makes New Zealand unique. We are still growing, learning from our past and watching the world around us change as well. Sometimes these changes are for the better or provide learning curves to pass onto the next generation for them to make changes or try things differently. We are New Zealand and we have the right to be New Zealand without being bought out, sued or undermined because of our youth.</p>
Rebecca Rosser	

Neroli Thomson	I am concerned that by signing the TPPA current and future New Zealand governments will be restricted in the measures they can take to address climate change.
Monika	This Agreement is by far the worst, what will ever happen to our national name, clean and green New Zealand. This agreement is a pollutant and will decrease our state of health and well being. Many people have voted against this, it will only lead to mayhem. This also affects the Treaty of Waitangi , that us New Zealanders have learned about since we were young. This also affects our free will, we need to have a say in what we want, we are what make this world a world, this agreement is what destroys it.
Chelsey Ritson	First and foremost, after educating myself on what the TPPA is, I am appalled at how the government is just signing it? Do we not live in a democracy here? I feel like the changing of the flag, and how we were basically 100% involved in the process was actually drawing our attention away from this massive issue! We, as a nation, should decide on this. Let us at least all vote, if it's a yes then go for it, if it's a no (Which it will be) THEN DO NOT SIGN! The USA and the people in it must always be cautious of what they do in case they get an unreasonable lawsuit handed to them. Let's not make NZ a country where we too have to tread on eggshells. I don't even care what the other countries are but going into any agreement with the USA, the most obese and one of the most in debt countries in the world, who does not offer free healthcare, is a TERRIBLE decision. PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS. Do not let the USA have any power over such a weak country as ours.
Danielle	It takes away our basic freedom and rights as a human race. This feels like the first step towards a one world government, and takes away any democratic position we had. Something that has been kept from the people and signed by the people representing the people it affects, especially for such small benefits on the surface can't be good for any of us. I fear for the future of this world, we are in the process of making our family, and it keeps me up at night thinking that the world my daughter and children to come are going to have to live and create their own lives in could be worse than it has already become. All I see is a way to make the corrupt greedy people do their job much easier while making life even harder for the little guy.
Llewellyn Giles	The gains of the TPPA do not go far enough to justify the losses. The protections in the agreement do not go far enough and the international influence is not needed. New Zealanders deserve to decide this in a binding referendum.
Ben Shearer	People or companies that have the motive of profit should never be allowed by the people of a country to have the power to decide what is best for the people of that country. isds should be removed from the tppa. there is no need for overseas investors to fear that we are not a stable country to invest in.
John Faulkner	I feel that the TPPA agreement will have a negative impact on all countries involved for many reasons; 1./ Corporate power and influence over the political process, undermining our democracy. 2./ The impact it will have on our public health and medicines through pharmaceutical corporations having far to much power to implement their agenda to gain a massive monopoly and keep medicine prices high . 3./ Fossil fuel corporations could sue New Zealand for making laws that protect our environment, effectively railroading us too comply with their demands. 4./ We would be beholden to the United States with next to no public oversight or say, which is anti-democratic. I will save the rest for my next submission. I believe there are many more unforeseen negative aspects to this agreement, because of it's secrecy behind closed doors, and without full disclosure.
bea woodhouse	TPPA = taking peoples power away. Would like to see some democracy happening please. .
William Hay	"More than 1600 US companies, the most litigious in the world, will gain new rights they can enforce through private offshore tribunals if/when regulation damages their value or profits". See this here pretty much sums it up for me where it clearly states that any American company where they are not happy with something in the way it has been done can sue us!!!! That's all about control and I thought we are a proud little Nation that punches above it's weight and says "heh look here, you can't do that". Well if this law does come into effect than say goodbye to our human right's as Kiwi's.
Lesa B'do	I believe Maori have not been properly consulted over the trade agreement and feel it is in conflict with the Treaty of Waitangi. I do not believe the trade agreement will be good for new Zealand. I do not like the fact that it is secreted into our legal processes without poubllic consultation. This is not democratic. I feel let down by our Government.
mario Gaoa	This trade negotiation has very little to do with the good and well being of the our country or its citizens, rather it is document made by corporate lobbyists to ensure less competition in markets and more profits returns for their corporations. This is economic slavery, and we must use everything at our disposal to resist the TPP agreement.

Caitlin Kilpin	New Zealand's Parliament was founded on democracy. Don't change that now and do the opposite of what the majority of New Zealand want.
Michele Rolton	New Zealand is the most unique country in the world ... My Maori people, the native birds, the native plants, Maori Culture, even our traditions are set apart from the rest ... Identity thief is what I see running rampant throughout this unsavoury system to fill & line the pockets who choose to run after money ... As I reach for the True word from scripture, the following was foretold: Matthew 6:24 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC) 24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be [a]against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon ([b]deceitful riches, money, possessions, or [c]whatever is trusted in).
melanie dixon	Please listen to the people of New Zealand....this is never going to be in the best interest of our country. Look to the lessons the U.K is now learning after joining the E.U. We are a small countries whose best interests will be swallowed up by the best interests of others.. Is New Zealand turning into a country ruled by a dictatorship or are we still a democratic nation???
Theresa	Corporations have no moral conscience, giving them the power to override our elected government in any decision which might interfere with their profit WOULD NOT be beneficial to NZ. It would make a govt invalid. Why would informed people willingly surrender their rights? I no longer feel at home in the country where I was born, I feel deeply betrayed.
Naiterangiq	TTPA isn't about open trade. NZ already has free trade with Australia and most of our other main trading partners -China, Korea, India, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Brazil and Europe - aren't in the TTP. Instead the TPP is about the US setting policy in favour of US Corporations. 1. Corporations are not people and should not have the ability to sue States outside of States sovereign courts. The relativity of Corporate interest having a say in the drafting of the TPP is anathema. Sure there may be some opportunities for trade but we are already accessing the major markets and US dairy tariffs remain, plus we also open up to greater competition from other suppliers to that same market. Whereas we could be the principal supplier to the Asian markets which are growing, India has 1.3 billion people. I agree the trade side of the TTP is alright, unfortunately that's only a small part of it. The medicine patents and ISDS aren't good and to me they mean the cost of TPPA outweigh the benefits
Toby Te rupe	How can this move through a democratic country with first allow us the proper details. Why has this been signed in secrecy? You are suppose to be the voice of for all New Zealanders yet you do this!
Phoebe Mackenzie	Aotearoa is not for sale! Please don't embarrass us anymore Mr Key. Please don't take away our human rights. Please don't let corporate greed kill us in the long run.
Priscilla chambers	No way tppa go away
Joshua de Jonge	I don't like secrecy in our government, the power of the people is greater than the people in power.
Trish Falanitama	I want to have the peace of mind to know that our nation is looked after by people who are living, working and have a common interest to every other citizen that is living in our community, not governed or swayed by profit, shares or political gain - solely because it is better for our nation, people and families/coming generations to sustain our traditions, values and love of our culture that sets us apart from other countries as being a people that treat people like they care.
John Attewel	I feel that this trade deal is not in the best interests for the future generations of New Zealanders., and the other member countries in the agreement. I understand it only serves the needs of the few very wealthy, and powerful individuals in the largest corporations of the member countries. And this will lead us down a path to undermine our sovereignty as New Zealanders. This isn't the new world order, and we aren't a one world government. (YET!) We are fine just the way we are. We can't trust our politicians when they have their own financial interests within the policy's they create, behind closed doors..
Tess Attewell	I feel that this trade deal is not in the best interests for the future generations of New Zealanders., and the other member countries in the agreement. I understand it only serves the needs of the few very wealthy, and powerful individuals in the largest corporations of the member countries. And this will lead us down a path to undermine our sovereignty as New Zealanders. This isn't the new world order, and we aren't a one world government. (YET!) We are fine just the way we are. We can't trust our politicians when they have their own financial interests within the policy's they create, behind closed doors..

Peter Attwood	I don't understand how a government would knowingly be willing to submit itself and it people to the potential for Law suites from any multinational company. Living in New Zealand can be tough at the best of times if you are not a high earner. To have my hard earned tax payer money used in this underhanded way is disgusting. As a small nation with our environment being one of our major factors to our economy to allow inter-nation companies that are only concerned with the bottom dollar cart blanch over our environment is crazy. Kill this agreement and bury it deep. Thank you for listening
Savea Al Harrington Lavea	I do not support the TPPA because it had been kept secret from the public knowledge and why should we agree with something that we do not understand. This is taking away our freedom and right to information that is crucial to our future.
angela dawson	I am concerned and terrified what an 'agreement' like this will mean for ALL of New Zealand! The threat to the environment if corporations can force a small economy like ours to change sensible democratic decisions regarding workers rights, environmental health and safety etc, for their profit margin over peoples health and safety. I am concerned about the legality and fairness of an offshore 'court' with no appeal process being in the hands of lawyers and judges, some of whom have conflict of interest connections to corporations, who place boom bust economic profits over people's and the planets wellbeing. I am concerned by the impact on the Treaty of Waitangi and for the treaty to be able to be honoured under the TPPA. The loss of New Zealands Sovereignty and ability to act in a democratic way would be affected in a way that would destroy any true semblance to the constitution of New Zealand and the people DO NOT WANT IT! The Government should be acting for the poeple but this agreement reeks of corporate corruption ie. what a nice job Mr Groser got for being a good compliant minion. I am not happy that our Prime Minister seems to be acting on his connections to Wall Street and the agenda of the banking community instead of doing the job he was elected for. There are other concerns I have regarding this 'agreement' that I have not stated here as I now need to leave for work. Please do not let the TPPA go ahead as it only seems to benefit corporations and not the planet or people whatsoever!
Samantha Tracey	This is neo-colonialism it is insidious and secretive and damaging to the vast majority of citizens of New Zealand. Let us focus on a richer humanity rather than a few rich humans!!!!
Maria Nally	It makes me incredibly sad and nervous that the NZ govt would seek to sign something like this and put our future in the hands of big corporate players outside of NZ who only care about profits and NOT the NZ environment, health and safety. How is it EVER ok to allow an outside company to sue NZ govt for doing things that are BEST for NZ because it effects THEIR profits. NZ now can no longer do whats best for NZ? are you serious! this is ludicrous. I very much Love NZ and I love that it is not AMERICA I love that we have choices and that we are clean green and do what is best for the people that LIVE HERE. It saddens me that we are allowing non-nzanders to dictate how this country will run what products we can use, how we protect our environment. How is this in our BEST INTERESTS?!?!? This is taking away everything that is great about NZ and what others love about NZ. This is HUGE and considering the size of this decision, we as kiwis needed to have a say. I am disgusted, sad, angry and so unbelievably disappointed in the NZ government.
Joe Rae	Completely against the TPPA and want it gone. It takes away our sovereignty and does not honour the treaty. There are absolutely no benefits that it is worth signing for,
Elizabeth Sullivan	To whom it may concern I would like to state my very strong opposition to the TPPA. Do not underestimate the power of those in this country and abroad who oppose it! We voted you into power, we can easily vote you out. I am very concerned about the fact that there has been so little consultation with ALL sectors of New Zealand society, about the deal. Particularly for Maori groups. I feel our sovereignty is at great risk, everything we have built up over the past 150 years could crumble to oblivion as the deal gives corporations power to influence our laws. I am so angry with the influence that this deal gives to the 'unseen hand' of the free market (eg, Corporate powers). We are sick and tired and seeing this happen around the world, We saw it in America where the Government bailed out the big banks and the ordinary citizen had to take the 'collateral damage' of the greed of these corporations. There is a movement now in America, led by Bernie Sanders, that opposes Corporate power influence in our society. I would recommend that the Government, and all parties involved in attempting to push this Trade deal through Parliament, accept the strength of this global movement and take these submissions seriously. Will you really consider selling our sovereignty over to overseas interests, risking everything we have built up and become? Is it all really worth it? In the next elections, we will vote according to how you act. Thank you in advance for considering this submission. Kind regards Elizabeth Sullivan
Penelope Todd	The details of The TPPA have been kept out of the public eye and many of us New Zealanders are not convinced that it serves democracy or the burning issues for our country and our planet: the safeguard and nurture of the earth, seas and air that sustain us, and the wellbeing of our fellow humans beings. By the power it gives corporations, the TPPA undermines NZers' right to choose their own course of action.

Joseph Kim	The TPPA does not prevent countries from prohibiting direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals, but if a TPPA country that has previously permitted pharmaceutical advertising subsequently prohibits or places new limits on it, this may be challenged using the ISDS mechanism. Similarly, regulations on advertising in the interest of public health (ie. regulation of advertising high fat, high sugar food and drinks to children or plain packaging laws for tobacco) could also be challenged under ISDS. Under TPPA, we could be sued for regulating advertising in the stuff that makes people sick in the first place - junk food, sugary drinks, alcohol and tobacco. Sued for doing what's best for people? No thanks!
JOERG BAIER	The people of New Zealand should govern our country, not the United States, not big corporations.
Dylan Herkes	To the Government of New Zealand, I was born in New Zealand. My parents were born in New Zealand too. My Grandparents on my Fathers side come from a long line of New Zealanders that have lived, worked and loved this land since their Waka landed here about 1000 years ago. It is truly our home. All those many people that came before us helped to make New Zealand what it is today. In fact my most noted Grandfather is Wiremu Tamihana, who was cornerstone in diplomatic negotiations between Maori in Pakeha establishing the Kingitanga in a moment of deep concern and direction for the furture of our country. It's not perfect but we're all trying to make it a better place. Now I have two young children. I work hard to earn a living for my family. I have a large student loan I'm paying back and I'm looking to buy a house. I realised recently that I AM YOUR EMPLOYER, you work FOR ME and YOU SERVE NEW ZEALAND. It's so funny that you would assume it be any other way. As your Employer I'm giving you a written warning that any deals that threaten the independence and management of New Zealand by New Zealanders and in the best interest of ALL New Zealanders is in effect fraud, tyrannical and obscenely disrespectful to the legions of great people who worked hard to shape this country and the many New Zealanders yet to come and make it even better. But the real clincher isn't that you will be fired. No, your retribution will be the undignified failure to having handed our hard-won, peaceful treasure over, once and for all, out of the hands of your grandparents, out of the hands of your family, your parents, your children, and to bare witness to the unraveling of all of what you believed to be your home at the end of New Zealand. Continuation in the reckless management of New Zealand will simply be a reflection of yours to carry in our history. You will be known as the Government who gave it all away. Any further displays toward disrespectful, manipulative or undiplomatic governance will result in the ceasing of your role and your actions being forwarded on to an independent debt collection agency for reimbursement. Sincerely, D.Thomas Herkes Co-CEO of the New Zealand Government

	No government should be giving away our sovereignty. Countries must have the right to govern their country without pressure from large vested interest groups, which past and current experience has often shown are only interested in profits. New Zealand along with the rest of the world is facing many difficult challenges, everything about the TPP agreement is about protecting 20th-century businesses and old technology. If it is the Biggest Trade Deal for this region where is one of our major trading partner China. The TPPA agreement is an attempt by America to assert its hegemony in the Pacific region. We need to ask if this good for New Zealand. The TPPA makes little mention, of tackling the climate issues that every nation in the world is facing. Through large-scale industrial farming in New Zealand in recent years, we have seen 80% of our beautiful rivers destroyed. Under the TPPA companies involved in industrial farming will be able to sue the New Zealand government for billions because we want to protect our environment. It is crazy and a betrayal of every New Zealander. There are many examples of governments, currently being sued in different parts of the world because they want to protect their environment and the wealth of the country. Many countries that are experiencing the negative effects of GMO farming are taking steps to protect their people from the harm that it is doing to people's health. Our government by signing the TPP is opening us up to more GMO food. This is madness on a grand scale. The secrecy of the negotiations and no consultation with the people of New Zealand is a sellout and again a betrayal of all New Zealanders. We are meant to be a democratic nation where the people have a say. The TPPA a document about protectionism and protecting large-scale profits. If we do continue to go down this road, there will a very bleak future for our children. We must say no to the TPPA and any other agreements that threaten our right to rule, and making decisions that will benefit all people living in New Zealand. While our government has signed the TPPA this does not mean it is the end of the matter. I want my children and grandchildren to enjoy the New Zealand I grow up in. Where we had choices, opportunity and experienced living in a beautiful environment. Not a dystopian environment where a few dictate the fate of the many. This whole process is disgraceful and must stop. If the government thought we were going to do a few protests and give up, they thought wrong. We will keep on educating people, protesting and will not give up. We can have a flag referendum, but not a referendum on the TPP, which is rife with issues that will affect every part of living in New Zealand. None of it makes sense unless we ask, the question who is the government and all the politicians that support the TPP representing. Not the people of New Zealand. To sum up, we must be in charge of our Destiny. Supporting the TPPA betrays the sacrifice that many New Zealand men and women made, who died defending our freedom to govern ourselves. Now we are signing that sacrifice away. Shame on you all who are part of this great betrayal and that includes people in government. A close scrutiny of the TPPA by many able minds and professional groups in New Zealand continues to reveal the magnitude of the betrayal. The TPPA is part of a much wider issue where a few globally want total control of all aspects of people's lives. We cannot, for the sake of our children and grandchildren allow this to happen. The implementation of the TPPA must not happen.
Jenny Munro	
Kingi Gilbert	It should not be ratified because: - Corporations should not be able to influence the TPPA and should be regulated from drafting this bill - Trade Ministers in writing this bill have breached their obligation/oath to their own people by keeping this secret - The People have shown they don't want it, protests, media action - It diminishes the power of Government and makes them subservient to corporate powers. Kingi Gilbert
Simone Riginelli	Corporate can't be above governments, they can't decide for the future of people. WE cannot accept the TPPA in any form, until approved by the people via referendum.
Graeme Wilson	This deal, concocted in secret, is undemocratic. It is unpopular. If you genuinely believe that most New Zealanders want it, hold a referendum. It would be money well spent, as opposed to the wasted money on a new flag. As well as my above points, I'm concerned about: The threat to climate action and our environment; Internet protections and privacy (loss off); ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement); The impact it will have on our public health and medicines; and Corporate power and influence over the political process.
Paul Paterson	There are already huge ISDS cases between the U.S and Canada as a result of their 'Trade Agreements' which contain ISDS clauses. These cases will cost their taxpayers billions of dollars. What's stopping that from happening to our country? I sure as hell don't want to be stuck paying huge taxes because of a secret trade agreement which is written and designed to benefit foreign investors. I could go on about so much more topics but for me this is one of my main concerns. NO WAY TPPA!!!
Oleg Amiton	I feel passionate about keeping NZ independence and protect its uniqueness when it comes to the environment, culture and the right of free democratic will expressions.

Helena Duggan	I am extremely concerned that TPPA is not in the long term interests of New Zealand and it's people. I believe that the potential for harm is far greater than the benefits. Large corporates and foreign investors will have far too much power and influence over our sovereignty, and our government will be forced into a weak position if we try to block any business expansion plan that we feel is not in our interests. Please listen to what senators like Elizabeth Warren are saying! The balance of power in the USA is being undermined by too much input from business interests. We should distance ourselves from that kind of manipulation. Please withdraw from TPPA.
Brenda Allbon	I oppose the TPPA agreement. The NZ populace is not fully informed of the process and whether it will benefit our people. Please do your best to keep this process open for discussion and debate for a longer period of time, we need time to understand and process the merits and downfalls of the TPPA. Thank you for reading this message. As a NZ citizen and Kiwi I see this as very important for the process of NZ and its people.
Alex Wills	We should never sign any deal that gives away our sovereignty. Especially a deal that delivers so very little while opening us up to massive law suits and undermines our democratic process. No deal like this should EVER be negotiated in secret. New Zealand is supposedly a democracy, it's time our leaders remembered who they work for. You don't hide serious decisions affecting the well being of your boss from your boss. That's grounds for instant dismissal, as should be the case here.
Jain Rodger	I believe that the TPPA deal is overall negative to the NZ community. It may help the economy, however I believe it comes at a cost too high of personal freedom. From what I understand of the issue is very vague and close to misleading, but that the TPPA will restrict those in NZ to follow rules that will benefit only the 1%; or rather only the wealthy. I do not see myself as poor and will willingly give up a portion of my wealth so that all can be treated fairly and equally.
Kerry Powell	It is unacceptable that our government can negotiate matters that impact our country behind closed doors
Julie Warwick	Giving so much power to corporations who have no more interest in our wellbeing other than profit is too great a cost no matter what the advantages of free trade add up to.
Livia MacPhedran	Prime minister John Key, If we live in a democratic society how is secrecy to this degree possible, it should be illegal for a government to sign a agreement on this scale for an entire population when the documents and agreements that is being signed for on our behalf is not in clear view for all to see. This undermines the peoples right to a fair and just government with transparency who listens and acts on behalf of it's people. We as New Zealanders do not want to be anything like the United States, we are New Zealanders and would like to remain that way.
Harrison Gyde	Please do not sign New Zealand to the TPPA, it is not a transparent process, it goes again democracy for the people and we do not want to be like the US, we do not want corporations to a say in how we function as a country.
Shannon Calder	The ability for companies/countries to sue the NZ Government will open a huge can of worms and the situation could spiral out of control.
Michael Whibley	As a New Zealander I do not want multinational corporations having unchecked power in our country.
cordelia woods	This government seeks to enrich their corporate buddies who, by stealth, claim ultimate agency over our environment, our people, and our rights. I look with disdain at this National government who have eroded the democratic process in the name of this hideous plutocracy.
Gareth MacKinnon	Giving this level of freedom to businesses and foreign investors who have no real responsibility for the well-being of consumers and our environment is not only irresponsible of John Key and the government, but blatantly against the interests of those who put the National party in power. Multinationals, as long as they have existed, have always been prepared to undermine a host in the interest of increasing profits. Why would this change now? Personally, I can think of no greater shame than seeing a country like New Zealand, so proud of its standing against the political pressure of foreign powers to become subjected to those who do not care for her.
Kirst Savigny	We are a free nation, peoples nation.....We have a voice and we need to keep it this way. I don't want to bring my children up in a country that undermines our democracy, secret, sneaky negotiations that only lines the pockets of the greedy. It scares me that this is the life my children may grow up in. We chose to live in New Zealand, we chose this because we are a free nation and the peoples voice can be heard!

Adrian Cochrane	On the copyright issue, I'm opposed both as a copyright owner and consumer to the supposed right mentioned in the TPPA of artists to have control over when and where consumers enjoy their media. You necessarily give up these rights when publishing your art, and having the law pretend otherwise have (in the US) punished innocent individuals and caused consumers serious harm. Furthermore unlike the US our software industry heavily believes it is right and proper for consumers to verify their code for security backdoors and not send their data overseas. As such the TPPA Electronic Commerce chapter prevents our neighbours from adopting regulations that could give New Zealand an edge.
chris pemberton	A few years ago my eyes were beginning to open to all the inequalities, injustices, etc of the world. Money being the root of a lot of these issues. Im not saying money is the root of all evil because money also brings happiness and the ability to help others but it is when the big business's and especially the banks take advantage of systems a lot of people get harmed in the process. TPPA has been developed through corporate lobbyists and Fundementally it is geared to keep the business models at higher value than human life. We have to put our foot down now. 10 years from now it may be something else but fundamentally the same fight. As an interesting note Native treaty agreements around the world, when backed by activists groups have been crucial pieces of paper that have stopped in court a lot of environmental devastation. The TPPA is another piece of paper that can be used by corporations to give them an advantage in court walking over people attempting to look out for planet earth. We only have one world to play with and you cant eat money
Liam Foote	I feel as though we are already, as a people, relatively uninterested in taking action for climate change. If what has been said on here is true, then the people most responsible for causing the damage to our environment will get to challenge any actions that we, as a people, take. I don't think I'd feel safe in a world run by corporate lobbyists, to be honest.
Marianne (Min) Kimber	All I have is a ton of questions. I would very much like to know why this deal has been so shrouded in secrecy. In it are many issues that every day New Zealanders should have been consulted and informed about before any talk of signing or joining even began, issues that affect us directly and we have the right to, at least, be aware of. If this process began five years ago, why have we not had five years of discussion and education? Why do so many of us feel disempowered and blind sided? And where is the discussion now? Can our government not even offer the slightest bit of reassurance to the masses of people who question their actions instead of barreling headlong into something that, to us, is uncertain and frightening? Can our government not see that knowledge is power? Let us know what's happening so that we can make informed decisions as a country, about OUR country. Is that not the democratic process? We are still a democracy, right? Or did I miss that too? You see what I mean? Questions, so many questions. Where are the answers?
Amiria Taylor	The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. American corporations exploit people no end. I don't want NZ turning into a little America. They're the most fake and messed up country.
David Gooch	Although I am concerned about all of the TPPA and the secrecy with which it was done my main concerns are over medicines, corporate power and loss of sovereignty. Firstly we were told medicines would not cost more, then just a little but how much is just a little. A pharmacist I have spoken to said it will be a lot and I would rather believe him than anything the government says because of all the secrecy involved in this. To give power to corporations to oversee our laws and to change them to benefit themselves is totally undemocratic and does this country of ours no justice. We need to run our country our way and to be able to set our own laws for the best interests of the people not for some corporation thousands of miles away. We lose our sovereignty and our ability to govern for the good of all once these corporations have the power this gives them , it will be a sad day for this country.
Ann Brown	The people of New Zealand have a right to be governed by those that have the peoples interest at their heart. The TPPA is not in the interest of the ordinary people that make up the majority of this country. I urge you to make PEOPLE the heart of all you do and NOT MONEY.
terri simmons	It seems to me that this agreement is a violation to NZ democracy. It seems as if their is a mans kingdom being built in NZ, with no caring and building up of NZ and NZers. This is an extremely different Govt of NZ. There is an extreme lack of every thing good about running a country, it is not caring about the people at all. It's meant to be about the people.A country is not built up on money.When a country looks after it's people and land then it will go well for that country. That's what God says
wade ashby	we have the right to have our say as nzers about what happens to our country. not a few select corrupt individuals for there own gain.
kim macaulay	as kiwis we have a right to vote on issues that involve nz

nicola godward	In what way is this agreement really beneficial to NZ if other countries have the right to make decisions for us and our environment? In what way is this agreement really beneficial for NZers if we lose our choices with health practitioners and medicines of all kinds. Why are we blindly going into this agreement? We have too much to lose and our children will be the biggest losers. Future generations will not be thanking us if we don't stop this nonsensical course of action. Have all other options been considered? I think not... "Profits before people" has always been the downfall of men, we need only look at history to prove that. TPPA for NZ is not a smart choice. Consequences may be irreversible.
Shahn Redding	I vote against the document and disagree that it should ever be a part of New Zealand's Legislation.
Jessie Chiang	I don't want our government signing a deal that is secret from the public. Our country shouldn't be controlled by companies whose interest, more often than not, is controlled by profit.
richie steventon	we have almost lost our sovereignty now and this is the final steeping stone to keep the sheep in the pen and reap the rewards out of them.it reaks of corruption and lies
Fred Schwacke	I changes our government from one empowered by the people to one controlled by international corporations.
Nicholas McTavish	its disgusting to think that corporations that are only interested in financial gain could sue the government for passing laws that help the environment and the citizens of the world present and future. I wouldn't want to bring a child into a a broken world that is in dire need of help.
toby buxton	This is treason!
Christine Thompson	New Zealand should not be governed by US companies and interests. TPPA will make New Zealand vulnerable in so many ways and reduce our ability to decide how New Zealand is governed and run, for so little benefit. Say no to TPPA.,
john preuss	New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system
Philippa Anne Leather	I ask the New Zealand government to halt all proceedings in relation to continue the process of finalising the TPP. The TPP will undermine democracy of New Zealanders . I dont agree with the impact it will have on our public health and medicines. While our current Prime Minister assures us that the public will not be paying more for our medicine personally of course we will via our taxes and of course by the redirecting of the health funds to cover this leaving 1000's of people on waiting lists for procedures that will no longer have funding for. New Zealand will be come very vulnerable to the possibility of being sued by foreign power. The people of New Zealand will be totally compromised for the sake of the potential of some increased trade. The greed of some business people will rob the democratic right of the people of New Zealand. The secretive process of negotiation of the TPP is the beginning of the undermining of the democracy in our country. If this is meant to be so good for NZ why has it not been done openly and publicly. I do not agree with New Zealand signing the TPP and ask for the 'Government to stop this procedure from continuing.
Rachel Fisher	The TPPA has potential for going wrong and costing New Zealanders a lot of money. This will effect those who can't afford it the most. It is already becoming increasingly expensive to live in New Zealand and I think we've realised that no job is guaranteed. Until the benefits outweigh the drawbacks, I am not in favour of gambling with this deal.
David Short	I'm appalled that such a thing would even be considered, a governments duty should first be to the people it is supposed to represent. Look at this at it's very base level and it serves not the people in any way. The government is failing those it is meant to represent.
martyn evans	The secrecy leads me to believe that,'It cannot be trusted' it appears less a trade agreement and more a governance capitulation, giving, 'Doing things the American Way' control over our nation, from what we tax, to overseas investor control of our land, utilities, roads, water, where is the benefit for ordinary new zealanders. Everything America has touched or interfered with in the world has become a disaster
Brett Morgan	this deal has almost no advantages for trade so why call it a trade deal & no-one should have to swallow a few dead rats just to satisfy the multi national corporations that stand to benefit the most from this deal

Robson Chamberlin	Whilst the risk of the government being sued under ISDS provisions are not considered to be high, the risk of government inaction over legitimate public concerns for fear of being sued is a major concern. The government already prevaricates over a long list of public concerns. They hardly need the shadow of "corporate punishment" to slow them down any further and we the citizens of this nation definitely don't need it. The government must remember it is us "the people of Aotearoa New Zealand" who they act for, not giant corporate interests. Disassociating themselves from this so called "free trade" deal enables the government to constantly and continuously remain in integrity with their No.1 priority; the welfare of New Zealanders. .
Chris Bone	My main concern is that the TPPA will constrain government from acting in the best interests of the NZ environment and will also constrain us in any efforts to reduce carbon emissions. I work in CC adaptation in the Pacific Islands and this is a very important issue for me.
Vincent Rowe	Current Government of New Zealand, From my perspective as an Aware and Honest Citizen, who Cares about Human Rights, Peace, Democratic Integrity, Accountability, matters regarding Protecting Our Environments, Health, Food Safety, Workers Rights, the Collective Living Standards and Quality of Life of New Zealander's, the Ability to live Self Sufficiently, Freedoms, Opportunities for Mutually Beneficial Progress, Clean Energy, Sustainability, Organic Agriculture and Production Methods etc, I find that the TPP is an attempt at Psychopathic Regulation*, as in the Multi-National Corporations which have carefully compiled the TPP with the assistance of their legal teams, under the guise of it being beneficial for countries (when it would actually be the opposite), are responsible for a Large amount of the Harm to Humanity and Damages to Mother Earth in Recent Centuries, and through the TPP they want an "Access All Areas" Pass, that they can Modify, Expand and Increase their Profits with, while gaining more Control and Advantages, to mention some. *Psychopathic Regulation is what it amounts to! When the parallels are inspected closely, it is clear to find that the Traits of a Corporation, which is Primarily Serving it's Shareholders for Profits, has the Same Traits as a Psychopath! Eg: 1. Callous unconcern for the feelings of others, 2. Incapacity to maintain enduring relationships, 3. Reckless disregard for the safety of others, 4. Deceitfulness: repeated lying and conning others for profit, 5. Incapacity to experience guilt, 6. Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful (Moral is as if not more applicable) behaviors. On these grounds, I am Completely Opposed to the TPP even being considered further by This or Any government of New Zealand, when we still have Opportunities to Learn and Adapt along the lines of Progressive Countries such as Germany, Russia, Denmark, Cuba, Iceland and others, who have Independently Banned GMO's, are Expanding their Organic Agriculture, Solar and other Clean Energies, more Sustainable Financial Systems etc. Emphatically with Compassion Vincent
Kristine Barber	I wish to lodge my submission regarding the TPPA that the National Government has been in negotiation over, for the past five years. My main concern is the lack of transparency around the TPPA. We are supposedly a democracy - meaning that the people of New Zealand should be able to have their say on decisions made that effect them. New Zealand has its own character and its own way of governing. If we end up as part of the TPPA, as the small nation we are, we will have very little say as to how we wish to run our very own country. Other multi-national companies from around the world can sue our government if our new laws and policies (written in the public interest) don't suit them. This is not democratic. Our environment is a very important issue that the TPPA will have an effect on also. Our fragile ecosystem requires local decision-making. Our decisions need to be made here, and not be influenced by other countries and their criteria. I would appreciate you taking my submission into consideration. Thank you.
Maiea Ruawai-Hamilton	The process has failed to consult the public. Many of the conditions over step trade negotiations and threaten our sovereignty. Of particular concern is the ability for corporations to sue New Zealand in ISDS. Many of the provisions in the agreement seem to protect big corporations rather than NZ Citizens and this country. There are also worrying conflicts between corporate interests and Maori values, how will these conflicts be resolved when priority and legality will lie on the side of the big corporation?

Matthew Neary	I have three major concerns which I hope you can dignify with your attention: 1: This deal, as significant legally, economically, and environmentally as it is, and the opposition discourse as global, engaged and intellectual as it is, has been, and still is, kept secret from us, the citizens whom you work for. 2: There has been a complete lack of, and will for, public debate or engagement from the government on the impacts of the deal. Given the involvement of corporate interests, the fluidity of economics as a science, and the provisions which affect the ability of our government to govern in the best interests of its people, this is shameful. 3. Our trade minister, arguably the main agent facilitating the deal on behalf of us, when faced with intelligent, well structured criticism towards the deal and its negotiations, has the arrogance to label these skeptics: "politically irrelevant". I implore you to think deeply about why you are in politics. Think deeply about what value you put on your own pride, your ego, your personal successes, and what you may value to a lesser extent. Think about whether you would accept such values in someone representing your interests. Because the truth of the matter is this - if in a fully honest exploration of your values, a holistic concern for all of New Zealand society and its participants does not come above your immediate personal ones, you need to leave your position immediately. My stated concerns fall well below what is expected of politicians who work passionately in the best interests of their country. There are those in our political system who are driven by these passions, however there seems to be too many in key positions who are not. The difference between the two I'm sure you can sense. Do not underestimate us.
Tracey Cotter	The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment Corporate power and influence over the political process Whakatauki: He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! What are important in our world are PEOPLE,PEOPLE,PEOPLE not greedy corporations, not money hungry pharmaceutical companies not big brother invasion of privacy on our cyber networks not environmental land stripping foreign investors
Ian Thatcher	This Agreement is not in the interests of the every day New Zealander, it has never been put to any referendum and yet will have a detrimental affect on the lives of all New Zealanders giving corporate giants power to dictate the terms of trade, and the laws of our Nation. How can secret tribunals and negotiations help every day New Zealanders ? Claims that these rights will be protected are disingenuous and disrespectful to the intelligence of all New Zealanders. It is yet another example of the powerful few lining their pockets rough riding over the true democratic political system that we once enjoyed in this Nation.
Rick Mansell	I am worried about the following issues: The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Kate Moses	Completely against the TPPA being signed! For the reasons listed below: The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process Please do not go ahead with signing it, this agreement will destroy NZ
Allan Johnson	I find it abhorrent in giving any control of New Zealand sovereignty to the US or any other potential member of the TPPA. I value the New Zealand health systems including Pharmac. It is not in the interest of New Zealanders to allow pharmaceutical companies to be able extend patents and exclude competition. Lastly increased trade will mean increased carbon emissions from transport at a time when the world is facing a future catastrophic event. Why don't you pass around the koolaid?
Dianne	Our democracy is at threat. Threat of suits from other countries, lack of freedom of the internet=a one world government. The effect on our health system, and our whole country will be under the influence of multi nationals not only in the health system but in broader terms.
Margaret Love	Neither I nor my family agreed to give a mandate to the Government to enter into a binding corporate relationship with other countries that will erode our rights to live in a clean non toxic environment, have food on our table that is not genetically modified, swim in toxic free rivers, lakes and the sea, and be able to access the necessities of life such as clean air, clean water, warm affordable housing and access to quality medical care. I do not give the Government the mandate to jeopardise these without consulting me or my family, and where the final winners are the corporations that are fixated on raping, pillaging and destroying the earth's resources and ecosystems without consequence, for their own gains, and then suing anyone that stands in the way of them doing so. This is anti democratic and has no place in a free and just society.

I write this submission with grave concerns on the ideology leading the current governance of New Zealand to make decisions for the nation which do not historically or presently represent the ideals of New Zealanders. Signing up to the trade agreement of the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) is an antithesis to common wealth. We are a nation of the Common Wealth under the Sovereignty of Britain. The general public, by spin of media monopoly and government release has been misled that in legal terms as part of the TPP agreement their 'Sovereignty is remains intact' the statement quoted here, being a bare fact. Many of us opposed to the TPP on the grounds of loss of Sovereignty may for lack of specific terms but which best describes the weakening of future New Zealand governments to legislate for the benefit of the constituents whatsoever, take 'loss of Sovereignty' as the term best communicable to describe the weakening of future Government ability to discern. That those Governments would have to pick and choose which legal battle they would or would not enter into once weighed against cases upon which the Tribunal has sat and what ruling has been made, is considered a weakening of legislative ability and here termed loss of Sovereignty. It is therefore misleading of the Government to take the bare fact that Sovereignty is intact simply because the TPP agreement skirts around sovereignty with changes to internal legislation to allow what was previously not allowed. The sovereignty issue goes further, when we consider that the laws under which we as a Common Wealth society abide and which have evolved and has become precedent only as a result of historic and present ideals, which has not only formed the Nation we are today but are the laws under which we have chosen to be citizen to and are prepared to observe. Given that any dispute between government and investor would be heard under an off shore Tribunal which hitherto has predominantly set a corporate precedence, of laws which are foreign to our understandings and alien to the legal system under which this nation has evolved. Ratifying this agreement actually brings into New Zealand law an area of financial punitive trial to which it has limited established historic platform to negotiate from. It then removes the right of the Nation's ability under the current practiced laws to a trial by peers under our own inherent laws. I am no authority on legal terms, I am merely a citizen, but I ask that whilst legally this description may, in specifics be deemed incorrect in detail, that the premise of the submission is comprehended. Ratification of the TPP validates a form of law which is incomprehensible to this nation and the nation's understanding of what type of legal society would ensue by bringing TPP into law. If the current government had asked the nation if it wished to; become privatized, be insured for stepping out the door or in the door for that matter! To be prepared to be sued for a misplaced word to a neighbour in the heat of the moment, to consider that their accountable wealth was actually their ability to borrow and become ever more in debt. Being mesmerized and assaulted by media to continue wanting to pursue that path to utter self and common degradation, whilst showing an artist's rendition of what that would look like; Jehovah's witness images spring to mind of damnation and purgatory. If our nationals agreed to that, then yes consultation would have been deemed to have taken place, we would have no grounds under which to take this stance against the TPP, not so much a Trade deal as an alignment of already desperate Nations of failing might trying to promulgate a legal deal to prolong a despicably flawed economic platform whose use-by date expired when the ecological percentile was crossed over by economics, in order for a short extension of time, but landing us all in a sinking boat. This is especially in light that the elephant in the room- the ever expanding numerals of the national debt clock, is inextricably linked to this decision making ethos. New Zealand still has a better chance of surviving a war of paper if it maintained its current trade status alone (prior to the signing of the TPP agreement). The figures being quoted at present represent a 0.9% benefit to New Zealand by 2030, it is still unclear to the populace as to whether this is through tariff savings or generated income. Whilst the deal opens markets previously unobtainable to New Zealand entrepreneurs and offers growth in boutique sectors it also opens flood gates to suppliers diminishing the standards which this nation has fought to attain, maintain and improve for decades, these will become eradicated save for labeling requirements by cost of health and ecology. We are currently addressing an obesity epidemic problematic in the western world, providing nationals with further options to feed an unhealthy state at a cheaper rate is surely the opposite of what is sort as a solution and used for statistical proof that a user pays health system is the only answer. Those who would be most likely to take advantage of the cheaper options are also those who would have no other financial choice. The unfortunate collaring of PHARMAC and indicated rise in medical costs will mean that those at risk will also be unable to afford the necessary health care or insurance, is this called collateral damage? Just because we are capable of logic and creation of labels does this make the meaning of them acceptable? Economically user pays makes a lot of sense but intrinsically under the New Zealand developed National ideals, it goes against the constitution and democracy. If the TPP were put to the Nation in a binding referendum and the citizens elected to ratify the deal, we would have a clear decision. Another troubling factor of this deal is that although it is touted as a 21st Century deal, it is written for the 22nd century. That only once the laws have been adjusted to align and become sanctioned by a US administration and five years from that point the now evident wave of change reforms the workplace of trade and labour in all 12 Nations. That we in New Zealand would see that this trade deal does not account for middle to lower income earners in New Zealand. That by sheer mathematical equation the garnered status of middle income earners becomes relegated as the new working poor, the least likely they would be to remain unknowledgeable on the TPP and its effects. The recourse of that factor leads to thoughts again of Jehovah's Witness imagery, as common people act in desperation, it doesn't matter to the individual how well insured they are when they are no longer present for their endowment. Which is why the secrecy of negotiating this deal followed by a fast tracking of its acceptance and undoubtedly the execution of plans to ratify by stealth under a minimum term of contract all without

	<p>providing citizens with even basic knowledge is an injustice to democracy and every citizen under which the deal applies. I am of Maori descent and although I could submit on that platform, this deal affects the nation as a whole as well as the western world. Maori have already been subjected to a treaty, it has taken many years to get to the point of seeing the zenith from beneath the summit. Maori have become accustomed to the inaccuracy of terminology, the illegitimacy of flawed legal address and the process of attaining ascent under a treaty, it is only unfortunate that a pendulum threatens to swing and assimilate all New Zealanders to that understanding. I by far prefer that justice of te Tiriti o Waitangi be attained another 25 years down the track than for all of New Zealand to suffer the same fate under this deal. The process now is firmly in the hands of all of our representatives in Parliament, it is of paramount importance to rally fellow parliamentarians, David Seymour, Peter Dunne, David Cunliffe, Phil Goff; This is not an agreement for any member of New Zealand. It is NOT the agreement it set out to be, to hide behind ideals under which the onset of this deal was proposed by any party is NOT the deal we are presented with. Put pride aside and do the will of the people of this Nation. Put the ratification of this deal to a binding referendum and rest easy that you have done your duty to the public of New Zealand.</p>
Caroline Jackson	Under TPPA, we could be sued for regulating advertising in the stuff that makes people sick in the first place - junk food, sugary drinks, alcohol and tobacco. Sued for doing what's best for people? No thanks!
William Duignan	Hello :) As a citizen and patriotic New Zealander, I refuse to waive my rights for the benefit of foreign entities. I reject the signing of this Agreement, and any others of it's ilk. It is completely unacceptable. Our freedom, and the freedom of future generations, should be the number one concern of this government. No to TPPA. Kind regards, William
Denny Ford	"TPPA will bring stagnation on actions to control the products that make people sick in the first place - tobacco control, managing junk food advertising to children and cutting down on fossil fuels being turned into carbon emissions and climate change."
karen munro	This deal is not transparent. The government should openly discuss all aspects of the agreement with all New Zealanders. We need to protect our right to govern ourselves as we see fit - for the people, not for the benefit of corporations and moneyed individuals.
Rahera Wairama	Don't agree with TPPA, don't understand it fully but it sounds like we will end up being America's female dog!
Jessie Hunt	I don't feel signing this TPPA agreement is helpful to any New Zealanders and the fact that there has been a massive public outcry against it but John Key's still signed it show's he doesn't care about our country!
Clifford	Corporate power and influence over the political process
Christopher Ellis	The TPPA is about corporate ownership of New Zealand and Government. I am fully against this!
Frances Louis	The TPPA must go thru the Legal CROWN Process set down by the TREATY Of WAITANGI. AOTEAROA is not FOR SALE.
Jocelyn Brazier	These are the 10 reasons i oppose the signing of the TPPA: TOP 10 REASONS NOT TO: It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Charn Williams	If you honestly cared about the well-being and future of everyday kiwis (not corporations!) then you'd understand what a set-back and generally BAD IDEA this is - surely the large amount of protest against the TPPA says enough? Listen to the people of this country - KIWIS DON'T WANT THIS.
Steve and Pam Anscombe	We have grandchildren here we worked hard to give them a better life . Don't take that away and by taking that away
Lynne O'Malley	Dear Sir, I am concerned about the loss of sovereignty that is likely to eventuate from the TPPA, in addition the threat to climate action and our environment. The economic benefits simply don't stack up in terms of what we will lose as a nation. This cannot be a good thing for New Zealand - the people are saying NO! Lynne

Dr Stuart Jeanne Bramhall	As a medical doctor, my top concern is the effect the TPPA will have on Pharmac and the availability of affordable generic drugs for Kiwi patients. This will be a life or death issue for many low income New Zealanders. I'm also concerned that New Zealand will lose their ability to regulate genetically modified organisms and foodstuffs containing GMOs. I have special concerns about this owing to a growing body of evidence linking this to the decimation of health intestinal bacteria and life threatening allergies in children.
John	I am concerned about The loss of our sovereignty The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) Corporate power and influence over the political process
Michael	The fact that companies can sue the country for future loss of earnings and have deals settled in a private court with no right to appeal is potentially devastating. Cut all ties with America and their corporate puppets they're on a sinking ship clutching at straws to keep power over the general public.
Sonia Poliquin	Climate change is the greatest threat to our future - counties should be looking at self sufficiency rather than expanding trade.
Diane Holding	I feel very strongly that the National Government has far exceeded it's mandate in signing this agreement. The secrecy surrounding negotiations and the exact terms of the various agreements is profoundly undemocratic. This is not just a trade agreement as claimed. It's extent has been deliberately misrepresented.
Robbie Kay	While I support free trade between nations, I do not think the TPPA should be ratified in NZ because it will allow large foreign corporations to have undue influence on what Kiwi companies can and cannot do/purchase/sell/produce . We will be forced to do what the big corporations want or risk being sued.
Jessica Kawana-Tai	This undermines our freedom as a Nation - and by the time our babies and their babies are grown what will they have left?? What will there be left?? To me the TPPA makes way for NWO
Brett Petersen	Id sooner become a State of Australia than a lackey to corporate America.
Michael	TPPA THREATENS OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OUR ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT REAL SOLUTIONS OR CONTROLS FOR CLIMATE CHANGE!
Jerry Poels	I strongly object to the introduction of corporate governance without recourse. Make all minutes of the (secret) meetings available and let the public be the judge of what's best for it.
Paul Weigel	The arrogance with which this process has been undertaken smacks of corruption at high levels.
filippo paganoni	TPPA is not a free trade agreement, it puts corporate powers over Governments, we can't have that.
Peter Gilbert	I rely on medical support to survive. I did not choose this situation, but rises in medical costs or reduction of national health support will literally kill me.
Nga	NZ is a beautiful and caring country, let it stay this way. Don't let corporation tell us what to do, don't slave ourselves for benefits of a small greedy group of people. Without health and freedom we have no future
Wendy Wood	I have Multiple Sclerosis (MS), and there are exciting developments in the field of Biologics designed to inhibit specific components of the immune system that play pivotal roles in fueling inflammation, which is a central feature of MS. As someone who is slowly progressing to disability, and unable to afford the full cost of these very expensive medicines, it is very important to me that Pharmac continues to be able to fund medicines such as these.
Freya Johnstone	Good Morning, I am concerned that the TPPA does not reflect a good deal for New Zealand. The ISDS process opens New Zealand up to greater risk from litigation, we saw how the Government responded to the threat from the Saudi businessman, so I have no confidence that they will be able to manage the ISDS process. The TPPA will lead to higher cost of medicine.
Adrian Van Der Veen	I strongly disagree with the tppa and the way it has been implemented.
Jacob Pater	I would like to express my concerns in regard to the TPPA being signed by New Zealand, I do not want this to happen. I do not agree with anything I've heard about it and I feel that it is completely un-necessary for our country. Please hear the people, we do not want this.
Hamish brown	I dont want to see new zealand ratify the tppa agreement. It is not in the national interest.

Pauline Bates	We all should have some say on matters like this, just Not the government
Te Here Moeke	One of the biggest problems I have, is you have not explained the TPPA to New Zealanders before signing.
Fane Bastin	I do not support a deal which gives corporations the right to sue our government. Either we follow the deal, which opens our political process up to attacks by powerful multinational corporations, or we don't, which will cause our trading partners will see us as shirking our responsibilities. John Key has said this is an important trade deal - but why do we have all the unnecessary baggage attached to it? We deserve a better agreement.
Donald Buglass	I believe the NZ government is stepping beyond its moral authority in signing the tppa when some many NZers oppose it. This action is not representative of any kind of democracy most NZers believe they are subscribing to. It is an affront to our democratic stance and sovereignty. The signing does not have support of the population and should not be taking place. I oppose it whole heartedly.
Renate Ochse	To whom it may concern I have many concerns re this agreement and wish to voice a few..... The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) are the government body responsible for improving export opportunities, they are specialists at that, which is a worthy endeavour. But if you read the headings of the chapters in the TPPA, it becomes clear this deal impacts much more than just trade. Headings like: State-Owned Enterprises, Government Procurement, Intellectual Property and Telecommunications indicate this deal is far-reaching and will impact all aspects of our society. MFAT are also the organisation tasked with conducting the 'National Interest Analysis' (NIA) which considers the advantages and disadvantages of New Zealand entering into the TPPA. No other official government body or ministry conducts any official oversight or analysis of the agreement. Their lens is purely about economic advantage, and doesn't look at important issues for New Zealanders like maintaining a healthy democracy or protecting our nation's access to affordable medicines - both of which are compromised by the deal. The NIA is then approved by the National government. What this means in practice is that the NIA is not an independent or comprehensive review of the pros and cons of TPPA for New Zealand, despite it being the only formal analysis process we have. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. We can see this happening in the property market where foreign ownership is preventing Kiwis from owning their own homes in Auckland. Kind regards Renate Ochse
James Brown	I am opposed to the TPPA because any economic benefit will be limited to the already wealthy (re proven failure of 'trickle down theory' etc) and the cost will be borne by the majority of NZ's via a loss of sovereignty and increased costs for medicines etc. The NZ govt should not be answerable to overseas corporations at any cost.
Glen altma.	I am against this unconstitutional document.
Bron Thomson	To give large corporates the ability to sue governments is a fundamental breach of the democratic process.
Elinor Millar	The idea that companies could sue the government for actual, or even potential, loss of profit is horrendous. Corporations have one goal and one motivation for their actions: to make money. A country (in theory) should care about more than just making money. I don't want New Zealand to become a corporation... I want to live in a country that cares about the well being of its citizens.
Ian Murphy	Big corporations will be able to direct decisions on what our country is doing and we will lose all control. Democracy will lose. The free trade term is merely a front.
John Tuala	Democracy is a right given to politicians to do the bidding of its citizens. Tppa will strip that democratic right and open NZ to foreign corporations who have no invested interest in our country other than to exploit its minerals and people!
Michael Te Kata	Why cant everybody just be happy with what they have? Everybodys too greedy. Tppa is not a fair trade for our children thats that.
Travis Badenhorst	I will not support the TPPA. I implore you to do the same. Leaked documents from TPP negotiations reveals that the deal would even empower foreign corporations to skirt domestic courts and directly challenge our health, environmental and other public interest policies before extrajudicial foreign tribunals. Consequently our national democracies would be undermined. The Canadian social activist Naomi Klein goes further and claims: "The Trans-Pacific Partnership or TPP—has been called 'NAFTA on steroids.' It's the latest and largest in a series of international agreements that have attacked working women and men, fuelled mindless and carbon-intensive consumption, and prevented governments from enforcing their own laws to cut greenhouse gas emissions." There is absolutely no independent verification of what is being spread through propaganda. There are more than 5 published papers proving that this deal is toxic. Don't sign it. Don't steal our country from us!

Wayne	I say no to being held by force over democratic issues by not being able to be democratic is obviously against our way of living but also our choice when we voted government into power only to be told your going to do as you please and we cannot. Your government decision to take our freedoms our rights our lands our decisions make this tppa and you our enemy. I wont have it, nor will nz
Paula Rahiri	We need to acknowledge always and forever Treaty of Waitangi ! TPPA underminds everything that our country has worked hard for in regards to the Crown and Maori people who are tangata whenua of this land Aotearoa
Dr Robbie Lloyd	This is an outrageous rip off and must not be allowed
Jessica Macqueen	This is the most idiotic thing ever Grow up
Dominique	There is not enough transparency in the whole process and I feel that the big corporations will have more rights and power than the government. The economy will be driven for the big companies' interest only, to the detriment of the people and our country
Elizabeth Pakai	I don't think that we, citizens of Aotearoa/NZ have been honestly and fairly informed as to the long term ramifications for the country. We will lose our sovereignty, our right to a fair voice politically and at the crux of the change is the change of the flag if that is changed and I doubt it we become a republic. we are too small and vulnerable a country to be a republic so what will happen is we become and extension of the USA and or China or whoever else this Government decides to do business with. I say NO to TPPA.
Megan Owen	I am highly concerned about all the issues above and would have selected them all if I could. This is not a "trade" deal- it is a trojan horse to allow unfettered corporate influence over government. A free market can only exist within an even playing field, and within the constraints of laws and regulations to ensure equality of opportunity, protection of the environment, public health and other social outcomes. If corporates are permitted to undermine democratically elected laws and regulations, then this will lead to accelerated spiralling of exploitation of the environment and the vulnerable, and unprecedented differentials between the superwealthy and the rest of us.
Jess Walker	There is no way in my right mind we would sell out country down the river !
Haydn	You should be ashamed of the process and secret negotiations. This has been set up by big business for big business.
Susan King	Enough is enough, leave our country alone.
Gene Harris	I'm concerned at the lack of public consultation with the TPP and the secrecy in which it has been negotiated. Also hearing that NZ Medical, Law and Environmental professionals have all voiced concern over the deal and its implications. The ISDS is particularly concerning as this will in effect change the way we govern our country and regulate our laws, as Corporations sue us for potential loss of profit. The rush to be included in the TPPA, has meant many of implications have been overlooked. Also, once it is signed, there is no escape clause. I am against the TPPA in it's current form and I am deeply concerned with the cost in being part of this deal.
Coralie Te Nahu	Im deeply concerned about the tppa & fear for our future generations!
Shirley Harris	I believe that the TPPA agreement will undermine the democratic rights of all New Zealanders. I don't feel that this in the best interests of the people of New Zealand but benefits businesses and corporations profit margins. I am strongly opposed to the TPPA.
Paul Bravery	It could result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. The New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits. Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Elizabeth Maddison	I have grave concerns for the amount of power the TPPA gives to foreign corporations in determining future decision making. I believe our democratic process should not be beholden to foreign corporations.
Allan Brown	I would not like the TPPA ratified because of the corporate power and influence over future political processes. The impact TPPA will have on our public health and medicines and ISDS the Investment Sate Dispute Settlements.

Nanette Aratema	THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT PROPERLY CONSULT OR CONSIDER MĀORI OR NEW ZEALANDERS AS A WHOLE ON TPPA. THE ACTIONS OF THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT ARE TREASONOUS
Tom Kitchin	To create something as potentially influential and damaging as the TPP in secret and then tell the public there's nothing to worry about is NOT honest. If John Key and National want support, they've got to be honest about what's going and not just laugh off protesters. That could be the most damning aspect of the TPP - denying free speech and not aiming to supply the public with 'perfect information' - we are the people that make the decision on who runs the country.
Sim Wikaira	I am concerned that we are not represented as a people but only the interests of those who already have power, money and corporate interest are. When you allow companies as ruthless as nestle unfettered access to our land you are asking for nothing but trouble.
MIKE BURTON	TPPA is a symptom of the worst of big government aligning itself with corporate interests. Government is completely failing in its necessary representation of the people. TPPA is not for the people but against them. Government is betraying the trust of all NZers if it carries through with this appalling piece of legislation. I have followed the issues closely since I first heard the ideas. Everything has been done in secret because government knows it is not in the interests of NZers. We have put government members into their positions to represent us but you are undermining democracy through this process of secret legal tribunals and the like. This will have an enormous impact on very many areas of our life. Top business interests and politicians will be all right but the average NZer is being betrayed and sold into slavery. I urge our government not to ratify the TPPA. Michael Burton, NZer living in Sydney
Jamie Young	Come on - You guys know this is a BAD idea.
niva kay	"The TPP poses a panoply of threats to our climate and environment. The weak conservation provisions of the TPP environment chapter do not change the fact that, under the TPP, governments would lose autonomy to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would gain new powers to challenge climate and environmental policies."
Sophie	It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Peter Sullivan	I am absolutely opposed to the TPPA deal as it stands. It has been nothing more than a secret deal, negotiated behind closed doors for the benefit of large foreign corporations. As it stands the deal will diminish our sovereignty in that it restricts future Government actions, set up secret tribunals on things like drugs (proposed Pharmac's appeal tribunal for example) and allows foreign corporations to use overseas courts to sue our Government. The fact some of these things are already possible under the China trade deal is utterly shameful and in no way diminishes the need to walk away from and tear up this agreement. To quote some Americans 'any way you look at it you loose!'.
Gary Weddle	The ISDS is not a democratic process. Regardless of its past record, one should not be comfortable with such a system and process. There is undoubtedly a conflict of interest and there are experts in law that agree with this. Even the EU is setting up their own investors court as they are not happy with ISDS. I believe NZ was even invited to use this court! John Key admitted that the price of medicine will rise. How is this acceptable? Neo-liberal policies have accelerated inequality over the past 30 years or so and the power of big business has almost certainly grown with it. Our GDP has already increased by billions over the last decade, but what has the average NZ citizen seen of this? Where do these profits really end up? The TPPA is just another stepping stone on the path to corporate greed for a measly 0.9% return over 15yrs?? Quit it.
Rex Pocklington	I Rex Grant Pocklington do not in any way want the tppa in any form or written agreement to be implemented on our country and its people. If the proper democracy and process had been used which it hasn't, it would have been open for debate publicly. Because of the secretly held agendas and deceit from key and the national party, I will stand against this fraudulent process.
judith parsons	I am not happy about the impact that this will have on our health and medicines and the threat it will be to our environment
Michelle Hagar	TPPA NO WAY! I can't afford my medicines now let alone if the TPPA goes ahead!

Penny King	I feel the government has railroaded this through parliament without any public debate, being secretive and having no concern as to what the nation as a whole wants concerns me. What will happen to our beautiful country in the future, if large international corporations have the right to our pristine country. I worry about our tourist industry and the rape and pillage with no regard to the people, the land or the heritage of this magnificent country. I am also concerned that there will be too much outside control of our produce and the food and natural medicine industry. Freedom of choice will be a thing of the past. We will no longer have a say in the running of our country and what is right for us as a nation. Please stop this now, before it is too late. Thank you Penny King
Jonathan Garlick	I am very frightened that we hurtle towards a corporation ran future where governments have no power and unbridled capitalism with no more foresight than the next quarter will dominate the entire worlds decisions and there will be little we can do to stop it and the TPPA is a step in that direction. We MUST keep the power solely with elected governments.
Samantha Higgs	I am concerned about the TPP/TPPA because: * The TPPA's process to ratification has not adhered to the partnership between the Treaty of Waitangi partners: Māori express the concern that they have not been properly consulted or given a voice. * I'm concerned that the secrecy surrounding the TPPA undermines Aotearoa's political system of democracy. * I'm concerned that the TPPA has been an act of corporate power influencing politics. Stop the TPPA!
john beverland	transparency is not happening, so no!! to tppa
Mihi Delamere	I am submitting for the Health and wellbeing of my mokopuna & their mokopuna, the effects TPPA decision may make on their future if I don't make a stand for them then no one will. Stand up New Zealand make a stand now. He aha te mea nui o te ao....ae....he tangata, he kai I te Moana, he taiao.
Elizabeth anderson	Our parliamentary system is already too much in thrall to money and corporate power. Signing the TPPA will mean further erosion of our democracy.
Doug Death	Treaties discussed and developed in secret(and the terms of which are not openly available) and which are bidding upon the population are undemocratic - the "Trust me, I know what I am doing" trick doesn't work!
Ray Baker	I object strongly to the whole process that has occurred. The secrecy and underhanded arrogance of the Government to push this through with a we know best attitude is of great concern. I see little benefit for NZ in this agreement and would urge a reversal of the current process.
Michelle	Taking our rights as a people away from us taking our beaches our land now us as the native people
Annika	I believe that the TPPA is the worst that can happen to all people living in New Zealand both in the short term but even more so in the long term. While I fully understand the need to secure economic partnerships, you've got to ask who the TPPA partners are and how power is distributed amongst them. It sure isn't an equal partnership between countries, but one between big transnational corporations played out on the backs and in the backyards of our country. There is a lot that makes me proud to live in New Zealand Aotearoa but ratifying the TPPA, to me, means to give up all of these things and handing over our health, our achievements, our freedom and our sovereignty. The whole process of how the TPPA has been negotiated should set alarm bells ringing for all of our democratically elected MPs who I always believed should be working for the people (and not just todays, but with a long term view for those who will follow in years to come). Shame on you, for voting for the TPPA. We might as well give up democracy while we hand over our sovereignty to the big corporations.
Louis Saunders	I don't feel like there is enough transparency in this deal to know fully if this is something that is best for the country as a whole. That in itself is a reason not to sign, i don't feel like the public have enough information to make an informed opinion on the issue. From what i have managed to gather is that there will be pro's for our exports and we will have cheaper imports, at the cost of giving away power to corporates. Having less control over copyrights and prices on certain products, foreign investment seems like a bad idea to me for what seems from some figures minor improvements in trade in the long run for our economy. Nothing that has come from supporters has seemed worthy to me for us to sign the deal.
irma prentice	Free trade should not come at a cost to the rights of any person.
Lynice	Because I could only choose up to three I will write the rest here. *The impact it will have on our public health and medicines. *The undermining of our democracy *Corporate power and influence over the political process. I cant see why we even need to enter this agreement. It does not scream to me that a country like ours needs to enter into agreements like this. If money drives this, then Im not for it! More to life than money!!

Cimino Cole	The need for democratic global governance in the face of ever-more-powerful corporate interests is as overwhelming as it is overdue. The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement, if it is widely ratified, will further and significantly erode democracy, and scotch any remaining chance of meaningful climate action occurring.
janet	If we submit to another country rules or laws we will have less power to decide what is right for our country. Pharmac already has too much power. The politicians did not ask if each New Zealander agrees with this in fact a lot of this process has been kept secret. I do not want the politicians to agree to anything which will have severe ramifications for our children and grandchildren in the future. Why do politicians think that once in power they have the intelligence and the power to make decisions for our own good. The politicians forget they are there to serve those who voted for them.
Kaharau Rahiri	Ko nga Tangata Whenua nga kaitiaki o tenei to tatou Whenua. Kua ra e whakarongo ki nga tangata ke o nga whenua ke. Ko Aotearoa he taonga tuku iho no nga Tupuna. MAURI ORA...
Alan Kiddle	I am making this submission because of the lack of transparency from our incumbent government. I believe their actions are contrary to democracy as is the effects of the TPPA. It is my express wish as a voting constituent that the TPPA be abandoned in favour of existing trade agreements.
Dominique Blatti	TPPA is another globalisation disaster which will undercut democratic processes at home and abroad; it has been kept secret from the public and elected officials during negotiations - totally unacceptable for a so called democracy. Will people and governments be allowed to protect public health and the environment – or defend indigenous rights and affordable medicines? Or will corporate lobbyists set the terms? TPPA is based on greed and on denying democratic rights to citizens around the world.
Alistair Hill	This agreement should NOT be ratified by the New Zealand parliament because it is bad for the country. Even using the most favourable forecasts of economic benefit it is at best marginal in ten years. In the mean time it undermines the sovereignty of the nation, will allow it to become embroiled in costly Investor State Dispute Settlements that are legally far from satisfactory mechanisms. They are costly and encourage an increasingly litigious society driven by corporate motivation rather than the good of the population that parliament purports to represent. In this way it promotes a very damaging increase in the influence of corporate power over society. Society should not be built as an engine for shareholder wealth; it should be built to enable a better life for all. This agreement is directly contrary to this end.
David Hrstich	The world as we know it has been taken over by corporate greed. Politics everywhere is all about big business and making a profit at the expense of the people. Politicians, our servants, have forgotten who they are. They don't listen to the people anymore, other than those who wield the money. The USA epitomises everything that is wrong in society, soaring crime, poverty and politics that is the home of arrogant billionaires. Any trade deal of this secretive nature with the USA at this time is embracing everything I as a New Zealander am against, namely Corporate Greed. Sure some will benefit in NZ from the agreement, mainly larger corporations. The price, our sovereignty and our dignity. Please do not ratify this awful partnership, your grandchildren's future is at stake.
Joy Shewan	No other Country, Politicians, Corporations, Companies or Business entities should have the power over New Zealand to prevent any laws being made on behalf or for the benefit of the New Zealand citizens. None of the above entities should be entitled to question the decisions of our Justice system. Previous trade agreements have not included Investor Rights therefore there has been no possibility of our country being sued on this question.

	I am not opposed to Free Trade. But I am opposed to the TPPA, which I see not so much as a free trade agreement, but as an attempt by the world's leading corporations to control and restrict the lawmaking limits of sovereign nations, in order to create the most advantageous market conditions possible. National government and national law should never be subservient in any way to the wishes or desires of foreign corporations. If the TPPA comes into force, I believe the citizens of all the signatory countries will suffer great losses for little or no gain, with significant benefits arising only to the shareholders of the worlds largest corporations. In fact I would go so far as to say that the TPPA will facilitate a level of labour law and financial law deregulation that will do ordinary New Zealanders and their children great economic and psychosocial harm. My greatest concerns are that we will see, over the coming 10 to 20 years, the development of a New Zealand in which: Minimum hours contracts become the norm for low paid jobs Laws protecting employee rights are massively weakened Laws protecting the environment are massively weakened Laws protecting conservation land are massively weakened We all pay more for medicine and health care I do not believe that the government's projected trade inflows of c. \$2.7bill by 2020 are even remotely close to making these and other losses worthwhile. Nor do I believe for a second that much, if any, of that minuscule 0.7% boost to our economy will filter down to anyone other than the shareholders of large NZ trading companies. 0.7% trading growth is not enough to stimulate significant job creation, or improved GDP per capita within NZ. In brief, I am absolutely convinced that the TPPA will be bad for New Zealand, and bad for the citizens of every signatory country. I earnestly encourage our government NOT to sign it, and the governments of other countries to follow suit. My hope is not a TPPA without New Zealand. My hope is world without the TPPA.
Jules Brown	I am worried about this deal and feel that many of the concerns raised by the public have been dealt with dismissively and condescendingly by the government.
Bernard Hall	Rising inequality has a corrosive effect on the wellbeing of a society. This is exacerbated when international corporations can influence our legal and political system disproportionately to the voting public.
Jackie Bourne	There are many reasons why the TPPA is not a good choice for our country, but the standout issue for me is the way the process has been handled in secrecy and without public consultation thus far. I am shocked by the one-sided reporting and derogatory comments from government ministers about 'those people' who are exercising their public right to protest.
Emma Grieve	The TPPA should NOT be ratified - it is against everything NZ stands for : ~ Pharmac will be compromised beyond a doubt - the healthcare system here will be crushed - our rights to the medicines we need will be taken away just as it has in the US - only the rich will be able to afford it - children will suffer even more than they are now ~ It is NOT about free trade - it is about corporations having control of the governments and peoples rights. ~ It removes NZs rights and independence to make informed decisions on what is best for our people ~ Once in place this agreement will only evolve to suit the needs of the corporations NOT the people of NZ ~ It has been planned in secret form the word go - IF IT IS SO GOOD FOR NZ WHY haven't we been kept ion the loop??? ~ The corporations rights to sue our government if they disagree with something we put in place to protect or persevere our country - their rights to profit will come above NZers rights as citizens and the people of this nation ~ If it's that good why are the US questioning it? Why is the US congress taking it to task? breaking it down page by page and asking why there has been no consultation? ~ our strength in environmental issues and the way we are striving to move forward will be decimated by this agreement - we will not be able to protect our land and environment - our people ~ Our sovereignty and the Treaty of Waitangi will come second to the agendas of the corporations
Rod Sandle	A partnership means an open agreement between equals. The TPPA is not an agreement in this sense as it gives more power to the already powerful and diminishes the power of the less powerful. In doing so it undermines decades of political development towards an open and democratic society based on power sharing.
Graham Jackson	Sir I don't like giving our rites away to some strangers to make dictions
Dr George Preddey	AS a New Zealand citizen I strongly oppose New Zealand's involvement with the TPPA. As a former climate change scientist (DSIR, Commission For the Future) I am deeply concerned about the existential threat of anthropogenic global overheating (AGO). I have made 17 evidence-based submissions to all MPs and other parties on AGO since a long time AGO. Ironically the TPPA is unlikely to eventuate in a viable form because it is likely to be rejected by the United States - whic will make New Zealand look STUPID.
Rupert Small	This proposed "agreement" is entirely lacking in democratic process and accountability and would seem to be anti-democratic. I refuse to let New Zealand be used in such a way and vow to protect our sovereignty from the machinations of corporate misuse.
jodi white	this tppa is unjustified in every aspect.

Jeanne Wright	I am against the TPPA, not just the 3 mentioned above, but also the impact on our Public Health and medicines, the cost to consumers and the list goes on. I do NOT want to be ruled by Corporates and who only care about the money, not the people. I say NO to TPPA!
Graham Wilson	This agreement will mean we, our government can be held to ransom by corporate power. they will be able to sue us for actions they think impede their ability to increase profits and operate in a manner that suits their interests before those of a sovereign power. We will be restricted in our ability to purchase products and services at competitive prices. We will be made to buy and trade at conditions established by corporates and not by individual countries. This will increase the cost of many products and services. The power wielded by corporates will be so large that they will influence the political process by once again holding governments to ransom. We will no longer be able to determine our destiny via a democratic process. Finally, if this agreement is so good for our country and our people, why is it being negotiated in secret?
Pat van Berkel	IF the TPPA goes ahead it will give large corporations undue influence over NZ governance. We have already seen the chilling effect that the tobacco industry has had. The TPPA negotiators have acknowledged that chilling effect by specifically excluding the tobacco industry from using the ISDS mechanism. So the TPPA is fundamentally flawed and TPPA proponents know it. They now need to admit that and drop the TPPA. Pat
Bob	we have had enough of john key's secret squirrel deals which non of us know about.,the using us as ginnepigs for the world trials on drugs. the lie's being told by this government are unbelievable. We will also be paying a higher price for longer so benefitting the pharmaceutical dictators
Kate Thornton	New Zealand will not learn from other countries mistakes. It is not and never will be a world leader in any way, despite what the Government want us to believe. It is all short term decisions which just might make us rich and successful. That can only come with long term planning on a solid foundation which we lack. In the meantime money is wasted on ridiculous ideas that some politician with no qualifications decides to spend it on. If we join the TPPA, New Zealand will be crushed and life for he Kiwi people as we know it now will be gone for ever. This country needs to build on what we have, not on what we think we should have or be.
va wright	International treaty examination of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). What does it take for you to realise that the vast majority of citizens and residents of Aotearoa DO NOT WANT to participate in TPPA ? you have the moral if not legal responsibility to REPRESENT THE WISHES OF YOUR CITIZENS : this is abuse of power at the highest order : please do not proceed with any further negotiations on TPPA : listen to your constituency !!!
Anne Daniels	I worry about our environment and escalating climate change. Our Democratic rights and political processes can be undermined by secret negotiations and corporate powers. There will be impacts on our public health and the availability and cost of medicines.
Stephanie Wigglesworth	I believe NZ should not sign the TPPA for the following reasons: Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits. I believe foreign and corporate influence should be kept out of New Zealand's political process. I believe allowing corporate entities to have power over how we choose to preserve our natural environment for future generations is a recipe for disaster. I believe this process will further erode Kiwi values, which are already in danger. When profits are seen as more important than the community, or the 'little guy', it's a huge shame. We should preserve our values, our environment and keep decisions that impact the lives of everyday Kiwis inside our own borders - after all, we, and our children, are the ones that have to live with these choices. Thank you Stephanie Wigglesworth
Ken Chambers	I feel that New Zealand will loose its identity and government decisions and laws, rules and regulations will all be decided elsewhere.
Esther	We need to be able to grow as a country and not be forced to do things by others. We want freedom and this will take it away. People are already struggling to pay medical bills. How do you expect us to pay more. And we want to be able to go on the internet to relax not to worry about being watched.
Sandra-Leigh Johnson	Too controlling - decisions will be too much in the hands of our politicians. As it is there are many under-handed / stealthily passing of rules and regulations without listening to us, the New Zealand people. Even when we vote a majority against things, our governing and ELECTED body of politicians passes them.
Rainer Preissler	I am worried about the loss of our sovereignty and the impact the TPPA will have on our health system. I also think that it gives Corporates too much power.

Malcolm Robert Downer	I see TPPA not as a trading group but as a takeover of the entire Pacific Basin by "The Money" (Multi National Corps and fabulously wealthy individuals. They are based mainly in the US but pay little or no taxes, they own the US government, they want to own the world. Democracy, as we know it, in the US is lost - their economy is wrecked. Why would we want to buy into it - WE DON'T. Beware of the smiling assassins, they enter through the back door! TPPA is the back door.
Helen Walton	I am SO ANGRY that you politicians are signing up to this agreement without telling the public what it is really about and letting us decide whether we want it or not. TOO MUCH SECRECY! Why???? I DO NOT WANT TPPA IN NZ! I do not want other bigger countries controlling us. I do not want our country to change the way it does things to bow down to other powers. I do not want our current way of life/lifestyles to get even worse. I do not want our economy or poverty or health care to get worse. I can only see a negative impact on NZ if you sign the TPPA. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN! WE DON'T WANT IT!
Barry Driver	I'm all for free trade when countries can't produce what they need locally. What I'm against is forfeiting the rights of people and their government WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO REPRESENT THEM to make the right decisions in the future. We HAVE TO retain power over the corporates otherwise the health of the planet and of civilisation itself REALLY IS doomed.
Grant Hughes	There is no way we can sign this agreement as a democratic country the corporations cannot have influence over any democratic process in New Zealand regarding trade climate social issues I personally do not give my approval for the National government to sign on my behalf. As a citizen of New Zealand I'm asking that we reject this agreement with such clauses that are included being against personal democratic rights Corporations cannot sue New Zealand for decisions that are made democratically by the ruling government.
tamati te u kaiwai	I have very real concerns relating to the Treaty of Waitangi and the affects that will arise from the TPPA. in terms of the relationship between Māori and the Crown. Another concern is our democracy being undermined by any demands made by TPPA. I believe we will be walked all over by foreign powers Our country is far too small to stand against world powers. What will the impact of the public health system have on our country..
Christopher Dean	We must ensure that the people of NZ have the power to control the behaviour of business and especially major corporations. the TPPA swings power over to corporations who have bigger budgets than the NZ Government and who we can only ever expect to lose against with a TPP devised legal system that is also balanced in favour of making profit over and above any other humanitarian or ecological concerns. It is not acceptable to rely on 'we've never been sued before' as a safety net. The TPP is not like any other FTA ever before and the more that comes out about it the more that every day people are concerned with the implications of it. I for one do not accept that any government is empowered, by our vote to govern the nation for a defined term, to establish permanent commercially oriented contracts with any other party. Nor should any agreement be with a commercial entity.
Amy Yalland	Please do not sign the TPP. We should be very concerned about the weak conservation provisions of the TPP environment chapter; which will deny government the autonomy to enact very necessary environmental policies. These decisions should not be made by overseas corporations, they should be made by the people of Aotearoa New Zealand.
Kate Taptiklis	I am completely opposed to the TPPA as it is not really about real trade but mostly about rules that will put handcuffs on democratic Government processes here in NZ. The NZ government could be sued by foreign corporations for not meeting obligations under the TPPA. This undermines our sovereignty which in turn undermines crucial obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi, and the basis of our bi-cultural partnership in NZ. This agreement is about pharmaceutical companies and others wanting to completely control markets. There is no mention of climate change for example - and policies that advance progress on climate change could undermine obligations under the TPPA and therefore big business could sue the Govt for implementing Climate Change policies and laws. Who drafted this thing anyway? And who the hell are they? Why are leaders rallying around this group and wanting to sign up to their ideas - there is huge opposition to the TPPA among the populace - the reality is this agreement is about control - signing up to be controlled by mostly the US - the US certification process under the TPPA is overbearing and completely controlling - TPPA - NO WAY!
rosemary childs	Save us the propaganda. We demand the facts. An extremely high possibility that New Zealand will be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. The loss of OUR Land to Foreign Countries. The Huge Loss of employment because of This! The Very Real Threat to OUR Environment, and that New Zealand will have little or NO PROTECTION from HUGE Company's moving here to set up deep sea Drilling & Fracking. New Zealand Will Lose Protection, Our Sovereignty, Our Rights as people, to Education, Health, to Buying our own homes . We are already seeing this Happening. loss of Jobs, Loss of Funding. The Neglect of Public Infrastructure. Worn down & worn Out SO farms, businesses , public transport, roading, DOC, is THEN Been SOLD OFF. THIS HAS TO BE STOPPED. New Zealand is Precious. We do not want to be run over By Corporations, that have ZERO INTEREST in New Zealand, apart from FINANCIAL GAIN .

Richard Friend	IF NZ can have a referendum on the NZ flag because it is so important to the people that they need to have a say in it, then the TPPA is undoubtedly important enough to listen to the people. At the very least, present it to the public and allow a referendum. The behaviour of the elected governing officials makes me question - are they either democratic representatives or dictatorial fascists? (look up what a fascist is if you do not know). By their actions you shall know them..
Anthony Joseph Belshaw	Judge Horne of the Arbitration Court Directed me To Stop the Undermining of New Zealand Society by Alien Philosophies -This Directive is Legally Binding on Me !- T.P.P.A. is Anathema to the Judaic/ Christian Principles N.Z. is founded on !- So i am Morally & Legally Bound to Oppose its through Due Legal Process
Michael MacDonald	This government has to go no national government has ever done any thing for the people. Now they dictate what we should or not should do like the tppa and perfectict flag.
Lee Wild	Why the secrecy?
Richard Altorfer	The TPPA has long been a subject of dispute, the government claiming there will be financial and economic benefits in agreeing to this trade deal; a claim I have doubts on. If this trade partnership truly is beneficial for the people of New Zealand, then why was the entire deal done behind closed doors in secret negotiations, why was the government unwilling to release details on this trade deal, not even making public the date of signing, something that the Chilean ambassador had to inform us of? The answer is simple. This trade deal is only beneficial to corporations as well as members of the society who have high living standards. The middle class and lower class are expected to suffer from this deal, a deal which undermines the so called "democracy" we have in this nation. No referendums were held on public opinions about the deal, instead the government only allows us to choose a new flag. A choice which can be overridden by the government anyway if it chooses to as our referendums are non-binding. The environment will suffer a huge impact from corporations who are now able to run free. Any attempt from the government to have them be environmentally conscious can now result in that corporation sueing our nation for millions if not billions. Unfortunately, our current government is putting international corporations before its own people, potentially what can cause suffering in lower income households in the future, an example of such being an increase in medical costs. this nation is ill, the government is corrupt, it's an absolute disgrace what the national party has done to New Zealand in the past few years. They're turning this once proud, nuclear free, independent nation into another lapdog for the Americans.
Sarah williams	What are you politicians thinking?. New Zealand is such a unique country and sucking up to corporate America with is corrupt political and banking systems i.e Wall Street will undermine our integrity to do what is right for the people and environment of NZ. People & the environment should come before profit and the purse.
Daniel Sloane	The purpose of the TPPA is to allow Corporations to control individual countries. It is a Corporate takeover. And as such, is completely opposed by most people who understand it.
Caroline PERCY	Apart from the glaringly obvious - the TPPA & its negotiations have NOT been transparent which leads us to believe it's not in out (the public's) best interests.
Tania Morris	I am definately against tppa, we are going against everything, our ansestors faught for. There is enough poverty in the world as it is, if all the riches in the world were divided among all the people we'd all be roughly the same in life. Im dissusted this would even be concidered
Ben Wareing	The TPPA will make large multinational corporations richer and more powerful and will disenfranchise the citizens of New Zealand. Climate change is the most important issue facing the planet and this treaty will only result in more rampant exploitation of the environment.
Michael Gillming	Keep New Zealand free from international corporate control... There have always been tariffs for a reason... Vote NO!
Charlie McAlister	I absolute am against the progression of Tppa in NZ
Tatanya	As a young New Zealand Women I am really concerned about the TPPA. Research into this deal shows so much text I do not agree with nor think it is in the best interests of the people of New Zealand. These massive corporations are responsible for a lot of worldwide suffering, so the fact this deal gives those corporations a lot more power & influence over New Zealand & the laws we put in place to protect us and our environment will now be more influenced towards these corporations personal interests rather than New Zealanders environment, peoples Health & well being.

Sheryl Derby	After spending 12 plus years in Australia and witnessing how badly their government treats New Zealanders, I would not want to go into any negotiations with them. At least not until such time as Australia started treating Kiwis the same as they treat all others. New Zealanders are highly discriminated against so why would we want to be partners with a government who does this?
Roland Christopher Field	I oppose the signing by New Zealand of the trade agreement known as the TPPA. I feel that the democratic process has been undermined in the formation of this treaty and it is not clear that the benefits of it are in the interests of normal New Zealand citizens like myself and my family. I feel that we are handing over sovereign rights as a nation to anonymous parties. I believe all policies in this time should have a focus on mitigating adverse environmental effects, and not just focusing on afluency and profit concerns only. I feel that in this trade agreement that concern has not been a priority, which is short sighted. I hope the New Zealand government does not ratify the TPPA.
Hilary Tolley	We must not allow the TPPA to be ratified. International agreements negotiated in secret, and with all supporting negotiating documents kept secret, is undemocratic and downright dangerous to the future of democracy in this country. With such a limited group (Cabinet) needed to ratify the agreement it is highly doubtful that the full implications of the agreement will be understood (or that the full document will be even read) by those making the decisions and hence we are likely to be signing away our sovereignty rights to protect our people and our environment. Such secret agreements must not be allowed to become the norm in this country and must be stopped before it is too late.
Craig Haybittle	We need to be aware of the state of operations within other countries, if we allow control to be given over to corporate funded lawyers arguing over the benefits of short term profits of industrialisation over long term environmental benefits (for example) we potentially destroy ourselves for the sake of the short term goal. Many of the countries we are potentially aligning with do not worry about this and I am concerned that we will suffer the same fate and potentially ruin our country for the benefit of overseas profits, as we will not be able to defend our concerns against highly funded profit driven organisations, with strong political influence.
Erin O'Loan	I am writing to express my deep concerns about the TPPA deal. I sincerely hope that the government of Aotearoa New Zealand listens to the people on this issue (on every issue) rather than going ahead with a deal that is kept secret from the public, but not from lobbyists, and so enables an unhealthy, damaging corporate influence on issues of politics and government. The secrecy surrounding this process means it is completely undemocratic. Furthermore, a government's role is to protect Aotearoa NZ - the land, the environment and the people, not to sell us out and sell us short. We need to retain our autonomy, our sovereignty and our culture. Please, stop the TPPA. Yours sincerely, Erin O'Loan
Monica Tautau	I am very concerned for the rights and employment options for the rural towns where jobs are already scarce due to bigger corporations moving industry to the cities, and the tightening of rules around the autonomous agricultural business start ups and self sufficiency options.
reuben	The fact the TPP has not been made accessible (to anyone and everyone) in its entirety makes me believe the finer details of the agreement are a bit shady. I'm content with the status quo we currently enjoy here in New Zealand, but, I feel this entire TPP deal violates the most basic democratic rights - that being not being able to vote on the matter!!! My fear is that this is the beginning of the end of democracy in this country and its this worries me. Furthermore, the fact that tangata whenua haven't been consulted on the matter worries me even more and makes me think who this deal is actually going to benefit. As a proud Māori, the fact the treaty of Waitangi could loose its Mana is probably the most concerning thing for me and that is the reason I'm expressing my opinion on the matter. I'm not against change as everything in life evolves, but, I think our democratic rights should dictate whether or not our country signs the agreement.
Joseph Te Whata	Essentially being at the mercy of international corporations and the loss of our sovereignty WILL turn this country into a Fascist state. This is what TPPA will do.
allana owen	There is very little benefit for trade in this agreement as seen by the figures projected for revenue gain by the dairy industry by 2030 but the cost in the loss of political power and democracy is vast. the national government pushing through all the law changes as a omnibus is a political measure to gain votes by putting other parties in the position where they have to vote against the whole agreement not parts of it. these changes are not necessary until the USA ratifies. this is short sighted governing and retention of power at any cost. allowing our land to be sold freely to foreign investors makes us vulnerable to exploitation and control by people who have no responsibility to our country or love of our people and land. land is the most valuable asset a country has not only does it generate money which we will see going off shore but it is irreplaceable and directly connected to cultural values and community.

	Currently New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, the USA, Japan, Malaysia, Canada, and Mexico are still negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. Officially talks finished last August, but the reality is that they keep ...TPPA is a bad idea “Currently New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, the USA, Japan, Malaysia, Canada, and Mexico are still negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. Officially talks finished last August, but the reality is that they keep on going, with the next round due to take place in December,” John Ring, Democrats for Social Credit spokesman on Foreign Affairs and candidate for Wigram, told a Christchurch meeting today. “One of the matters that was dealt with relatively early (in 2009) was the issue of how physical trade was to be dealt with. New Zealand and Australia wanted one schedule, so all participating countries would agree to the same things, but the USA said many of these countries already had free trade deals with each other, so existing deals should remain, but those countries that didn't already have trade deals with each other should negotiate bilateral deals. The USA won on that point. “Some people have criticised Japan and Australia for doing a bilateral deal outside the TPPA, but this was in accordance with the basic strategy that had been agreed to, except that they did it outside the TPPA, so if the full TPPA is never agreed to, the agreement between Japan and Australia will still stand. “One consequence of this approach to negotiations is that if Japan and the United States reach an agreement on trade in dairy products, this will have no effect on negotiations about dairy products between New Zealand and the United States or between New Zealand and Japan. The Prime Minister doesn't seem to be aware of that. ”Early last year the United Stated and New Zealand were almost in agreement about physical trade. The one area on which they could not agree was dairy, and that doesn't seem to have changed since then. “However, the Transpacific Partnership Agreement has 29 chapters, only four of which have anything to do with physical trade. Topics covered in other chapters include such things as investment, regulatory coherence, intellectual property, and state – owned enterprises. “Collectively, these other provisions would, if the agreement is adopted, tend to reduce our economic performance, reduce the options available for handling any crisis, and slow down the government's response to crises such as the recent earthquakes. “Overall, the agreement is a bad idea and should be rejected,”
Sean Hammond	Please not here in our beautiful country we haven't had it all these years it's no .gd 2 any of us
maureen	
Erika Halliday	Having to choose three concerns is hard, as all the issues mentioned above are really important. We should have a country and government that makes decision for the best of its people, and the TPPA clearly is not the interest of the people. We shouldn't be ruled by a shadow government that has its own interest (ie depopulation, re-education of the masse, elite system, fossil fuelled rulled). New Zealand is a beautiful country that has a proud history of doing good first thing, but signing the TPPA isn't. Our assets should remain in New Zealand. We need to think of a fair society, and not a profit driven society.
Glenn Bennett	To whom it may concern, If only 4 of the 29 chapters of the TPPA relate to trade and the rest relate to Corporate rights, then this is NOT a trade deal. Powerful Corporations are now seeking to bypass democratically elected Governments and have the ability to do as they please in spite of a countries laws on environment and sovereignty issues. Governments will be too scared to make and pass laws if they know that Corporations will sue them for hindering their ability to make a profit. Corporations have little concern for the environment or the welfare of people. Governments are there to protect the people from wholesale plunder and abuse by corporate greed and lust for power. The TPPA is a draconian grab for power and removal of legitimate process that protect people and property. I am asking the politicians of NZ to protect our democracy and sovereignty from these powerful forces seeking to own everything and everyone and resist the implications of this agreement. Yours Sincerely Glenn Bennett
Nicholas Sykes	The people of the world will not benefit from the TPPA, it is all about bigger profits for corporations who don't give a damn about anything other than their bottom line. How they achieve that or at what cost to others doesn't even get a moments thought. One day when life on planet earth has been destroyed, who will remember them!
Andrew Ellis	I'm disgusted that there was no public consultation on the TPPA and its effects on future generations and the Sovereignty of this country. The lack of Mainstream Media coverage on the details and the level of secrecy surrounding the negotiations and signing....I am particularly angry that it seems our own Govt is selling our country out to Big Corporations, an act I see as Treason.
Petra Drobne	I am also extremely concerned about our privacy, the lack of care given to the environment in the TPPA, and the lack of respect for the Treaty of Waitangi. It feels like NZ is being sold to big business.

	<p>Re: ISDS and the undermining of our democracy which includes "secret tribunals" and "secret negotiations". - The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to KEEP PROFITS IN NEW ZEALAND. If the TPPA was about doing what is good for NZ, you would have stipulated in the TPPA that profits would have to be reinvested into NZ!! → There are specific limits on policy making in areas such as investment screening, fiscal policy and economic development (through so-called "performance requirements"). Why is that? Are you out to protect your wealthy and all powerful cronies? You don't do that for local business, why do that for foreigners who don't care about NZ?? → A party to the TPPA can dispute an interpretation or application of the agreement by another party; or can bring a dispute if it believes the benefits expected from the TPPA have been "nullified or impaired" by the actions of another party - even if the rules were not broken. The negotiator(s) responsible for agreeing to this part of the TPPA, need to be made personally accountable for the consequences. Why should I, as a NZ citizen, pay for something that some idiot has agreed to who in the end loses nothing personally? This will not affect them but it will affect each one of us, ordinary NZ'rs who actually CARE about our beautiful country!!! → Investors can take claims to arbitration on the basis of alleged breaches of certain types of government contracts, something that New Zealand has never agreed to before. This has the potential to tie us up into all sorts of litigation, being sued on all sorts of grounds and with NZ being such a small economy compared to the other countries, we run a very serious risk of being forced to pay more than we have. This will mean even more huge borrowing until we are bankrupt. Then the corporations will waltz in here and take over our infrastructure, you bloody idiots!! → There is no requirement that investors seek remedies in New Zealand courts first, before initiating a claim under the TPPA. → Decisions of domestic courts can be challenged under ISDS. There is no system of precedent and no appeal. FOUR WAYS THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF TPPA HAS ALREADY BEEN QUESTIONABLE: → It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret → There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. This is highly UNDEMOCRATIC!!!! → The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. These are all people with a biased towards the outcome and it is UNDEMOCRATIC to make such an important and far reaching agreement without the input of the people who are going to be affected the most!!! → Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed. Another UNDEMOCRATIC part of the TPPA process!!!</p>
Annemieke de Jong	We already have a court system. Any company or person can utilise that should they have a problem with laws our Government passes that affects their profits. Get back to basics. Free trade means free trade. Remove tariffs , taxes, import and export duties and leave it at that. Companies wanting a free market do not need their business models protected by a treaty. They need to adapt to the marketplace.
Ani Connor-Simon	Traditionally the New Zealand Nation was built on trust. Generations has spent an endless amount of time correcting the injustices that occurred during the colonisation assimilation process. Implementing the TPPA has created yet again the wedge between the people and the "so call leaders of our great nation". It astounds me, how the government did not take into consideration the voices of the people, the voices of the taangata whenua. Where are the peoples rights? where in Te Tiriti o Waitangi does it say 'go ahead and make decisions for my people without my people's say'. Where is the partnership, protection and participation, but most importantly the "people" He aha te mea nui he taangata, he taangata, he taangata".
Jaco van der Merwe	Based on the available evidence, TPPA is not good for NZ at all. What is even more disturbing is that the government seems to do whatever they want regardless of what the people want.
Ann Frear	This TPPA agreement is selling New Zealand completely and is in no way for the betterment of the people of New Zealand. It is a back room deal for the corporate world and no one else
Jan Marsh	I am concerned about the lack of transparency and consultation in the lead up to this agreement. Secret deals which appear to be designed mainly to benefit large corporations are not good for democracy and our well-being. I hope the government will take note of public opinion and not ratify the TPPA.
Liz and Jim Leach	Do not trust politicians! They will sell their souls to the highest bidder. New Zealand does not have to join these pacts if there is anything in the TPPA that could be detrimental to this country.
deborah payne	As a health researcher I have serious concerns about the damage the TPPA will make to PHARMAC. PHARMAC has successfully made sensible our drug expenditure and created a process that that ensures efficient use of public monies, much to the chagrin of big pharma. for this and several other reasons,, I do not support New Zealand's signing of TPPA.

Stuart Dodd	New Zealand is in the grip of a health crisis of over 100,000 ED and in-patient hospital admissions a year directly due to harmful alcohol consumption. If the country is going to reverse the \$1 billion a year that alcohol costs the health system then it is going to have to tackle the (almost) free market in cheap alcohol and its availability. Whether or not we would win a legal challenge to attempt to control the harmful exposure of Kiwis to alcohol is moot because the threat and cost of TPPA-related legal challenge alone will block this type of activity. NZ is throwing away its right to keep its own people well!
Sarah Heavey	I am not happy with the effect this will have on our country and the lack of communication with the NZ Public.
Shelley Te Amo	Sovereignty for all on earth will be lost. Te tiriti o waitangi kotahi it is written tinorangatiratanga. Before settlers settled in Aotearoa we were our own healers etc etc. NO TO TPPA SAVE HUMANITY ALL LIVING ON EARTH.....
Chloe Myra Johnstone	How dare the government ignore the voice of our people and hand away our sovereignty. The biggest mistake in hundreds of years!
Silke Whittaker	Dear Sir or Madame, I wish to make tell you that I don't support the TPPA at all. Especially the undermining of the democracy and corporate power and influence over the political process concern me. Also I am a student of Homoeopathy and the impact the TPPA will have on the public health and medicine management concerns me hugely. Looking to America and how pharmaceutical concerns bully alternative health practitioners is something that I don't want to see repeated in New Zealand. We don't need the TPPA and you should listen for once to what the actual people of this country want, not what a few powerful politicians and Big Corporates want. Most people in NZ don't want the TPPA. Please don't sign this agreement. A hopeful NZ resident Silke Whittaker
Suraj	Really would like the govt to acknowledge and act on what the public is saying instead of thinking they know whats best for everyone. Don't like how this wasn't public info until about a year ago, would like them to be more upfront about such things.
Belinda Carrigan	Any government that submits it's Country to the possibility of EVER potentially being sued on a massive scale does NOT have the best interests of it's Citizens in mind. The most vulnerable deserve protection and fearing that (for example) raising the minimum wage may wipe out our Health budget for a year (as happened in Egypt) is a very real and seriously disturbing possibility.
Tiana Marshall	TPPA is not the answer. New Zealand hardly benefits! It's people don't, and neither does the country itself. It is a disgrace.
Dorothy Bauld	I think that it is important to strongly defend our democracy [political process that can deal with corporate influence.] In NZ the impact on the cost of medicines is a good example of how we benefit from independence . A strong democratic country will be able to care for our Environment and take action for climate more effectively.
Marilyn Scott	I have grave concerns that the TPP will allow private foreign corporations undue influence over NZ's democratic processes 1. The fact that the deal has been negotiated in secret itself raises serious questions about people's democratic right to know the facts of an agreement before it is signed. 2. That pharmaceutical companies will be free to determine the price of our medicines in a way that could jeopardise our access to affordable medicines and healthcare
pamela henson	I am seriously concerned about the proposed trade agreement. The secrecy with which all these trade agreements has been negotiated makes me think the US doesn't want people to know what is in the agreements. The fact that governments have colluded in this secrecy makes me wonder why they would do that if they were not receiving some kind of kick back. My concern about the terms of the trade agreement is that it cannot apparently be changed by future governments, so in essence mega corporations will be telling us what to do for generations. The sovereign rights of a country should always supercede those of corporations and we should definitely not agree to this trade agreement for that reason alone. Free trade is not necessarily an unmitigated good anyway. It could mean that small businesses in each signing country would be disadvantaged. A variety of small businesses will improve consumer choice and develop a healthy economy in each country but the preeminence of mega corporations will not. There are other obvious disadvantages: Nz would be subject to an unrecognised set of rules in the ISDS process; NZ would not be able to make social, health and environmental laws that might affect the profits of overseas companies, which is manifestly stupid. The profit of mega corporations has become a god to which most of us do not pay homage, thinking that health, the environment and social well being are more important. There is nothing good about this proposed trade agreement that I can think of.

Tony Cooper	The New Zealand public did not ask for this agreement and was prevented from being involved in negotiations or even reading the text until foreigners allowed it. It is clear that the government officials involved from its' very inception have not been operating in the best interests of the New Zealand public and kept it secret as long as possible because they knew it. These politicians can not claim to represent even a minuscule portion of the New Zealand public. Before even looking at the blatant undermining of democracy and justice entrenched in the text of this oversized door stop, it should be noted that the premeditated exclusion of public over-site during the negotiations is in itself treason!
Michelle hewitson	When the government makes a change for the best interest of their country,it's not about the flag, and it's not about huge coperate company's ,STAND for your country because it's like no other in the world,. You mr key where given a privelage! . REFLECT on why you were made priminister and how you got there yes reflect and think how that drive got you to were you are today,that was with the help of your cabinet and the people of N.Z. See you didn't change the flag, and you didn't have the big coperate co. It was pure determination and drive from where?????? DON'T RUIN OUR BEAUTIFUL N.Z FOR GREEEEEED, NO TPPA.
Stephanie Ross	That our Government would consider undermining the most important document in our country's history in favour of pandering to international corporate greed is deeply disturbing. I do not support the TPPA as it stands in direct opposition to my beliefs and the future I want for Aotearoa.
Patrick Mc Bride	I feel liberties are been taken with the future of NZ. Not the first time either. Becoming a lapdog for cooperate run countries who only have their own selfish interests is Not the future we want for ND. Sometimes a bird in the hand it's Not all its cracked to be our what it seems. We are NZ, we are important and our voice Will be heard.
Donald and Erna Mackintosh	The biggest fear with TPP is the inability for New Zealanders now, and in the future, to be able to stand tall, make good sound, firm decisions for the times on behalf of our country, not to be dictated to, or controlled by those seen as more powerful.
Tineke Marsh	STOP IT
Tepou henry	Tppa I feel undermines treaty of waitangi. It is a huge disrespect to the treaty the people of new zealand. Giving power to large corporations only increase the gap between the rich and the poor. It seeks to give large investors more power to sell there products and takes power away from those who wish to live off the land.
Graham Ernest Townsend	This submission relates to the TPP. It is quite clear that large corporations have made extensive use of ISDS processes in recent years and no doubt they intend to continue doing so. This will be to New Zealand's detriment whenever we enact legislation that - in the interest of our collective well-being - threatens their corporate interests. It is highly irresponsible for the New Zealand Government to sign up to these quasi-legal provisions. Furthermore, it is quite clear to me that extending the rights of large corporations - mostly USA based - will have adverse impacts on employment in Zew Zealand aa well as on the ability of Pharmac to source medications at a price we can afford. It is impossible to predict the mid-to-long term potential costs and benefits of the TPPA but I suspect that New Zealand may be a loser, even in purely commercial terms. Please do NOT ratify the TPPA.
Josiah Ayres	I can see and agree that there are benefits to the TPPA which are beneficial to NZ, however the cost to the country and future generations is too great. I don't think we should be signing to agreement.
Dr Robert Howell	Dear Parliament, I am opposed to the current form of TPPA because of the loss of sovereignty, the threat to climate action and our environment, and the undermining of our democracy, to mention just a few of my concerns.
Cheryl	Keep our Sovereignty and the Corporates from destroying what hard working citizens have worked at for generations and also our treaty and democracy....
Moana Erickson	Our governments inability to honour te tiriti as the tppa is clearly another breach in 2016. The treaty of waitangi is a partnership not a dictatorship .

	Whichever way you look at it, this deal stinks. No wonder the government wanted to keep it secret. 1. It could result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. 2. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. There are already similar actions against the governments of Germany, Sweden, and the US for doing what's best for their country and citizens. 3. Foreign investors can sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. 4. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. 5. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits 6. Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 7. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. 8. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. 9. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. 10. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. This agreement is not about trade, it's about giving untrammeled power to wealthy corporations to ride roughshod over governments and their citizens, for the sake of their insatiable greed; in other words, enriching the already excessively rich at the expense of everyone else and with dire consequences for the planet. It is totally undemocratic. The government has no right to implement such a fundamental and far-reaching commitment without a binding citizens' referendum, especially in this country where there is no check on the government in the form of an upper house.
Richard Fuller	Stop the TPPA as it takes away our rights for a purely democratic society where the people get a say on everything and anything that is passed through parliament not some big corporations.
chad	I feel very passionate about the issues mentioned above and I think that TPPA is a threat to that.
Karin Urmersbach-Niersbach	I think that the idea of a trade agreement on his scale could be great for all of the countries involved. However the terms of this agreement are outdated, it is actually a step back in terms of human rights and protecting our environment from climate change. This is because it is created to meet the needs of American corporates who's companies are outdated and need this trade agreement to secure their future. My Generation Y see's a better future, with cleaner energy, free public health and no poverty to name a few points. I have concernes about there being a corporate court system, which abides by the TPP's laws, not ours. If a company wants to set up shop in OUR country then they should have to abide by OUR laws. If they loose profit due to a change in our laws they should not have any right to sue our government, if it affects them so greatly the their business does not belong in our country. It's important to note, this has not even been ratified in the U.S and most likely won't be. Obama won't get the support he needs as no one wants this on their name coming up to the presidential elections. Not one of the main future presidential candidates supports the TPP. So John key, why are you jumping to change our laws, opening us up to more foreign investment, changing our patients act (the list could go in) for an agreement that isn't likely to be ratified? I believe that we are truely blessed to call ourselves New Zealanders, we are some of the most open hearted and honest people in the world. We should be should be standing together and making decisions that are best for our people, not overseas investors. We live in one of the most beautiful countries in the world. Let's preserve that! Show us a trade agreement that protects our beautiful land. TPP is not our future.
Brooke witham	I am a new Zealander, born and breed into a country where life was good and people were trust worthy. The best part of what forms us as a country is on the line. We have a government that is ignoring the voice of its people, the very same people who placed you, in trust, in a position to watch over our best interest and those of our children and their children to come. We are a nation of pride and excellence, creativity and ingenuity. We are a young country, by others standards, and at times lack the character and maturity of nations thsands of years in the making. But our culture, our precious indigenous culture and the protections we have in place to guard it, is one of our greatest assets. Our connection to our land, our ability to let the voice of the people be heard, and our respect for the protocols of good guardianship of our land, has to date, set us apart from nations much older than our own. We are a mighty people, proud and fiesty in the defence if our uniqueness, our identity. This government is not listening to the voice f the people it has sworn to protect. It is scornful of the wisdom of our elders. We are a nation of opinions, but we are united in our desire to protect the ownership of our assets, our land and we better trust our Maori people in that guardianship than our own government that is behaving in a manner similar to a social climbing child in the school yard. We the people if this country pay you for your stewardship. Earn it. Do not silence our voice, or keep the matters of our an nation from our ears, do not treat us as l'll informed children who do not know better. The days of being seen but not heard are at an end. Democracy placed you not above us, but in a position to represent us. Do your work for the people of this country, not for the approval of foreign power players. Listen to the people, and protect the interest of it, or lose the position we entrusted you to.
hayley grace	I am a new Zealander, born and breed into a country where life was good and people were trust worthy. The best part of what forms us as a country is on the line. We have a government that is ignoring the voice of its people, the very same people who placed you, in trust, in a position to watch over our best interest and those of our children and their children to come. We are a nation of pride and excellence, creativity and ingenuity. We are a young country, by others standards, and at times lack the character and maturity of nations thsands of years in the making. But our culture, our precious indigenous culture and the protections we have in place to guard it, is one of our greatest assets. Our connection to our land, our ability to let the voice of the people be heard, and our respect for the protocols of good guardianship of our land, has to date, set us apart from nations much older than our own. We are a mighty people, proud and fiesty in the defence if our uniqueness, our identity. This government is not listening to the voice f the people it has sworn to protect. It is scornful of the wisdom of our elders. We are a nation of opinions, but we are united in our desire to protect the ownership of our assets, our land and we better trust our Maori people in that guardianship than our own government that is behaving in a manner similar to a social climbing child in the school yard. We the people if this country pay you for your stewardship. Earn it. Do not silence our voice, or keep the matters of our an nation from our ears, do not treat us as l'll informed children who do not know better. The days of being seen but not heard are at an end. Democracy placed you not above us, but in a position to represent us. Do your work for the people of this country, not for the approval of foreign power players. Listen to the people, and protect the interest of it, or lose the position we entrusted you to.

kathleen	The thing that has bothered me from the start is that under the TPPA we cannot legislate against foreign entities having power over our political processes. The small detail (eg copyright infringement plant species ownership) has never been revealed to New Zealanders and much has been drawn and developed in secret. The TPPA is more about corporate protection than dismantling trade barriers. The US Canada and Japan will continue to restrict dairy imports
Marie	We are supposedly a democratic society where in this process is the peoples voice? Nowhere
Tom Gledhill	Totally disgraceful situation where citizens are not allowed to see what 'deal' our government is locking us into without our endorsement. It cannot be compared to similar past international trade agreements as in this instance they already knew there was huge public distrust and went ahead without consultation anyway.
Mike Stevens	This trade deal only benefits big business. I can only see this having a long term grossly negative impact on New Zealand and its people.
Ashley waipouri	It's all great for the big corporations and companies and politics that can potentially make money. But it's at the cost of the people and their sovereignty. It's always been 'watch the rich get richer while the poor get poorer' make a deal that puts the people first for once.

I submit the following article by Karel Van Wolferen Special To The Japan Times Feb 6, 2016 Misnomers that hide what the strong and rich control — and aspire to control — help promote our world's numerous political ills. "Spreading democracy" in the Middle East and Africa has been used to excuse much slaughter, ruin and higher risks of wider war for purposes not remotely connected with democracy. The designation "trade" used by politicians and the media when talking about the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) pact and the proposed Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TPIP) agreement is another perfect example of a misnomer thanks to which a new shadow will be cast over the generally more fortunate parts of the world. If signed and ratified, the trans-Pacific and trans-Atlantic agreements, which seek to organize business activity under one gigantic umbrella of new rules, are likely to change our living environment in ways very different from what elected officials have been misled to imagine. They have been peddled as trade treaties, and hence as being wonderful for economic growth, job creation, social well-being and general happiness. But the TPP agreement, which aims to tie the United States together with close to a dozen countries in Asia, Oceania and a bit of Latin America, is not in the first place about trade, and may hardly be significant at all for stimulating genuine exchanges traditionally labelled that way. The same is true for its TPIP companion, which is meant to create and foster a new American-European business environment. The TPP and TPIP accords are about power, not trade. More specifically, the agreements are about changed power relations between a collectivity of politically well-connected large corporations and the sovereign states in which these entities want to sink new roots. In particular, these treaties would allow U.S. corporations to engage in conduct unchecked by national rules of the participating countries. In eyes not fogged over through neoliberal dogma, such a thing would be recognized as predation. Corporate clout Some history will clarify a lot. The first systematic attempt to establish corporate supremacy over national laws and regulations, begun in 1997 by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, was more honest by calling itself the Multilateral Agreement on Investments (MAI). Under MAI rules, foreign businesses would be guaranteed all the advantages enjoyed by domestic producers and services of the participating countries. If implemented, the larger foreign investors in these markets could have easily wiped out smaller domestic players with the superior force they can muster and would, once and for all, have made the older standard development methods, known as "import substitution industrialization," impossible. Potential competitors would become perennial subcontractors. In other words, the MAI was a blatant move to implement neocolonialism by treaty. No surprise then that the MAI turned "globalization" into a controversial proposition as it triggered mass activism of a kind never seen before. This was the moment that, thanks to the then very young Internet, the world saw a bundling of international protest against transnational business power. Anti-MAI events encouraged other antiglobalization protest movements around the world, which peaked in 1999 in Seattle, and seemed to augur a new kind of "people power" element in global affairs. It continued until Sept. 11, 2001. With yet another calamitous misnomer of the "war against terror" — a political impossibility — the attention of virtually everyone in the world changed utterly, and the MAI plans as well as the antiglobalization activism were soon forgotten. An attempt to reintroduce MAI-like arrangements with the Doha Round of trade negotiations under the auspices of the World Trade Organization has remained dead in the water. Ten years ago, an innocuous enough attempt by Singapore, Brunei, New Zealand and Chile to enhance trade cooperation through laudable tariff reductions produced the initiative for a nascent TPP agreement. Nurturing schemes for regional economic hegemony, Washington jumped in and captured that initiative. It enticed Australia, Peru, Vietnam and Malaysia to join as well. Once the U.S. Congress had endorsed related free trade agreements with South Korea, Colombia and Panama, the TPP became the most important component in a scheme for a Pacific-Asian business playground on which, if Japan could be enticed to join as well, U.S. corporations could be the bullies. The most striking aspect of TPP negotiations since then has been their utter secrecy. Only about 600 "cleared advisers" — most of them linked with the businesses that stand to gain from the deal — have had access to parts of subagreements, and critics among them have been sworn to remain silent about what they consider unacceptable. Several former trade officials and clued-in politicians in the United States and elsewhere have noted that this treaty would not have the slightest chance of making it through the legislatures of participating governments if details were negotiated out in the open. Only the fast-track authority that Congress gave President Barack Obama last year (allowing the House and Senate only to vote yes or no, without debating changes or amendments) gives it an even chance that it will become law in the United States. We do know a little of what went on behind closed doors. For example, we have seen that U.S. negotiators have concentrated on controlling labor laws, environmental legislation and intellectual property rights. Since traditional tariffs hardly appear to be an obstacle to trade nowadays, what else could they do? But it does go to show that the TPP is primarily a political program. It is political because it aims to change the power relations between transnational corporations and foreign governments. It is political because it will create patterns of colonial dependence through agricultural agreements. It is political because it seeks to place the governments of the participating countries under a kind of legal discipline that has nothing to do with the rights of citizens and everything to do with the ability of powerful corporations to become even stronger. Many details of the TPP agreement have yet to be divulged, but what we may take away from the MAI experience is that participating governments can violate its intended rules only at their own great disadvantage. In effect, the legal stipulations tied to the MAI would have created a new element of corporate groups operating internationally beyond any kind of accountability. The TPP, much like the MAI before it, will not be about economic development but about wholesale power shifts. Those who can still make a political difference in Japan ought to study the reason for and the nature of such shifts. Numerous large, politically

connected U.S. transnational corporations operate in colonizing mode. In the context of recently evolved methods of profit-making in the current phase of American late capitalism, and while the domestic U.S. economy remains in the doldrums, only the rest of the world still offers enticing prospects. The political class of the Asian participants of the TPP agreement and the Europeans, who watch from the sidelines with the companion TPIP treaty in the back of their minds, are still affected by the lines of seduction first penned some two centuries ago by English political economist David Ricardo about unfettered trade always being good for everyone. But Ricardo and his followers were talking about free trade in goods. If genuine markets in goods were to determine profits, U.S. businesses would hardly have a chance to play a significant role internationally, since they no longer manufacture that much at home anymore. Hence corporate hopes are specifically vested on two areas opened up by the TPP deal in participating countries: rents and "financial products." Rather amazingly, Ricardo's cause still serves in our times as a sacred principle to emulate when questions of any kind of liberalization are raised — fatefully with regards to the lifting of regulations that kept order in the world of international financial transactions. This has permitted rent seekers and financial firms to become top predators. The TPP agreement will massively expand their hunting territory and give them fierce fangs in the bargain. When it was introduced, copyright was meant to provide protection to authors for an agreed number of years. More recently, it has been applied in a broader way to works of art in general. This made sense, and was in line with the thinking behind patents for industrial inventions. But it has long since become exploitative. Attracted by an opportunity to make money without producing things, corporations began to claim the rights of all manner of artistic merchandise after paying off needy creators. Sometimes, they even claimed the right to something that had theretofore been free, such as the extraction of a substance with medicinal properties from plants and trees used in indigenous forms of medicine. A new category came into general use in the last decade of the 20th century named "intellectual property" for the purpose of maximizing rent extraction and the creation of monopolies. Many things can be endowed with the near-sacred aura of property with this fashionable terminology, not only tunes and images, but also simple ideas, clever marketing tricks, Indian Ayurvedic medicine formulas and images of temple paintings in Southeast Asia — you name it, we are only at the beginning of this. Public gullibility under neoliberal regimes can be measured by the ease with which the notion of "piracy" has become widely accepted, along with the moral construction that imitation constitutes theft. Under ever more stringent and internationally enforced controls, films that have made their intended profit many times over in general box-office release, on TV and with extended DVD editions are set up to be making money forever. The intellectual property regime of the TPP agreement contains traps of which the countries seduced to join are unlikely to be aware. Much of the discussion among critics has revolved around the obviously questionable closed-door tribunals to arbitrate investor-state disputes. But other legal entanglements awaiting those who sign have as yet been overlooked. The rules demanded by the United States will create conditions for an even greater American popular culture hegemony. Local producers of popular culture products are likely to find themselves pressed to the margins in their own countries, and bankrupted by costly litigation in which U.S. corporations are masters. An army of lawyers may be expected to become a parasitical growth on the culture of the participating countries, with a new category of "ambulance chasers" inspired by the existing U.S. industry of lawyers who, on their own, ferret out possible cases of copyright infringement by unsuspecting parties and then threaten those people with litigation unless they pay a settlement fee. Power plays The expected intellectual property stipulations of the TPP accord related to medicine have drawn much attention, as these will enlarge the oligopoly power of pharmaceutical companies. Global public health is likely to suffer from this because, from what is already known, the new rules will lengthen the period before the use of generic drugs is permitted, and these are the only affordable medicine for patients in poorer countries. Nongovernmental organization Doctors Without Borders has concluded in a July 2015 press release that "the TPP agreement is on track to become the most harmful trade pact ever for access to medicines in developing countries." Then there is an even bigger beneficiary in the shape of the 21st-century global casino of speculating banks, which make untold multiples of capital with their money while bypassing the complication of investing in production. For them, the TPP deal is a dream come true, which is why they rewarded two executives from Bank of America and Citigroup with millions in bonuses before these moved to work on the TPP. The executive from Citigroup was appointed to lead the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the agency in charge of TPP negotiations. From what we know, the TPP agreement would ban capital controls, prohibit any kind of future taxes on Wall Street speculation and block any move to separate investment from retail banking. It would also block efforts to ban toxic derivatives that created the credit crisis of 2008. As with the manufacturers of controversial products, the financial industry will be given the means to demand compensation for regulations and policies that in their assessment may undermine their expected future profits. It is not difficult to understand that TPP participants who have not guessed the consequences of what they will be signing will bring social misery upon themselves. It is also not difficult to understand how the TPP agreement fits in with Washington's "Asian pivot" moves as part of its full-spectrum dominance campaign. Japan's participation in the TPP, which Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is eager to bring about, would be a big clincher for America's containment of China's tactics. It would push Japan deeper into an embrace with the United States over which it has little control. After intense concentration on export-led developments, the Chinese economy is evolving into a consumer-oriented system and its huge middle class has lots of money to spend. Of all the world's countries, Japan is in the best position to benefit from this switch, which is one of several reasons why it ought to treasure every opportunity for improving relations with its neighbor. The TPP would hinder that

	<p>process, as has precisely been Washington's intention. All this is easily understood. But it still leaves us with the puzzle of why Asians as well as Europeans, whose EU trade commissioners have been mouthing the same job creating nonsense around the TPIP that accompanies the TPP rhetoric, appear unable to tackle intellectually the dominant power aspects of these treaties. Perhaps this is because the world in which they exist is politically sterilized by current economic suppositions. More generally, the concept of power (not influence with which it is often confused) receives a "stepmotherly" treatment in popular as well as serious writing, and the social science denizens of academia are entirely at sea over it. Mainstream economics is ahistorical by design and hence has no room for power, which has helped continue the fateful division of political and economic affairs into separate realms for discussion that has long served the interests of power elites. Since the political dimension to economic arrangements in the United States remains hidden in most discourse because political and economic reality are routinely treated as separate realms of life, few notice that what is justified in the United States by reference to "market forces" is frequently the result of heavy political negotiation, interference and favors. Politically well-connected U.S. corporations, paying for the election expenses of Congress members who help create their business environment, need not fear market forces. If the banks responsible for the credit crisis of 2008 and the subsequent global recession that is still with us had not been lifted out of "the market" by the state, they would no longer exist. Powerful corporations have been allowed to swallow the state; they have, as economist James Galbraith explains, created a "predator state," which they naturally exploit for their own expansion. There is no frame of reference with which we can more convincingly define the TPP. Karel van Wolferen is a former NRC Handelsblad correspondent for East Asia, professor emeritus of comparative political and economic institutions at the University of Amsterdam, and author of "The Enigma of Japanese Power."</p>
William Couzens	On the matter of the TPPA I strongly believe that the document should not be signed nor ratified, namely for the complete disregard it shows for the Treaty of Waitangi. I do not believe that we should be subservient to the USA's failing economy and aggressive foreign policies, nor should we give up our right to govern our own country. It is not up to a global corporation to write our laws, nor should we expose ourselves to unwarranted, pointless and time consuming litigation from anyone with a large enough bank account and a vested interest in maintaining a market monopoly. The manner in which this deal has been brokered shows a total and unjustifiable subversion of the democratic process of which we were once so proud. We have not been given a choice, which is the singular fundamental reason for a free and democratic society. If it is for the betterment of this nation then the frankly terrifying level of secrecy has no justification. If indeed we had nothing to fear then there should be nothing to hide. Do not sign this. Do not ratify. The TPPA has nothing to offer the people of New Zealand.
Margaret Donnelly	American politics is an excellent example of what we should NOT be doing, following a course that is not sustainable environmentally and led by greed. We should be making moral decision for the people not the minority with power .
Elisabeth Muir	Governments around the world are already overly influenced by corporate interests. The TPPA as it is currently formulated would mean that our democratic rights and freedoms will be constantly under threat and ultimately cease to exist.
Ann Tango	The thought that foreign Corporates have a power to use our resources without any fee or permission angers me.
James Stewart	As a New Zealand citizen it is extremely concerning that the government thinks this will benefit our nation. There are many respected leaders who have made sound arguments for why this will be more negative than positive for us. It is clear that the government cares more about the corporations than its people and when it comes to that you know you have the wrong people representing the public. I would like to add my voice to the millions around the world to ask you to not ratify this dangerous agreement and remind you that if you do you will always have to live with being a sell out of your nation and the people you come from.
Nicola Tracy	The threat to climate action and our environment is what complicates our future as human beings. The more we do what's right for our planet the longer it can be enjoyed.
Teresa McCarthy	The ISDS will have power to sue companies as proven in Australia and Canada. The impact on the Treaty of Waitangi affects me. The undermining of our democracy, not including Maori in the consultation process and having secret negotiations. I say no to the TPPA as I feel my rights have been taken away by these secret negotiations, not made public and no public input.
Darryl Blair	there is nothing in this deal that has the best interest of the people, no one wants it and for good reason
Tony Parkinson	Any negotiations carried out in secrecy like this cannot realistically claim the support of New Zealanders.
GAIL GOLDING	i just don't agree with it at all .this government needs to see heads seeing to

Karen Haag	<p>I have many concerns about this agreement, not least because there is negligible economic advantage to NZ. Also, I feel strongly that it is far from a free trade deal, rather it is a real danger to NZ's sovereignty and our ability to make laws for the benefit of our people, and not for the benefit of multinational corporations.</p>
Myles thomas	<p>NZ's TV industry loses as a result of Free Trade Agreements In 1998 the National Government's Minister of Culture was considering compulsory local content broadcasting quotas. Quotas are common around the world (1) as an effective way to support local music, support local television and reduce the impact of dominant cultural values – in other words stop our kids talking with American accents. So the Minister quietly asked the Ministry to look into it. Unfortunately the report commissioned by the Ministry (2) concluded that quotas would breach the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) that NZ signed in 1994. The report found that quotas would limit the ability of foreign record labels and television producers to make profits in New Zealand - US Studios wouldn't be able to sell as much content to NZ networks if there were limits on how many hours of American programmes could be broadcast here. Nothing more was done on the issue by the Minister. In 2000 the issue arose again when the new Labour Government had to back away from election promises to introduce NZ content quotas. As Helen Clark said at the time: "We have unilaterally disarmed ourselves on trade but very few others have been so foolish. We're now left with perfectly legitimate calls for local content and people saying 'You can't do that because of Gats'. This seems a bit ridiculous so we're just working out the best way to handle it". (3) The following year the US government helpfully confirmed that broadcast quotas in NZ would contravene GATS (4). Eventually the Clark Government did work out a way to 'handle it' by encouraging the creation of a voluntary music quota for radio stations which worked out pretty well, and instead of a TV quota they brought in the TVNZ Charter (5). Meanwhile Australia who did not agree to the audio-visual clauses in GATS (6) still have very successful quotas for Australian music of 25% and for Australian television of 55%. So now we know why there's so much more cheap American programmes on telly here. It explains why our industry is so much smaller, weaker and poorer than overseas - with less local productions, less jobs and less money for independent producers. And of course, not being able to bring in quotas meant the government had to find other, less effective ways to ensure networks broadcast quality local programmes - like the TVNZ Charter and TVNZ 7. This is a small example of how the threat of litigation from a Free Trade Agreement has already impacted upon New Zealand, and could do so again under the TPPA - not by actual legal action but by the threat of it. Back in 1994 as Jim Bolger signed GATS, we had no idea that it would drastically affect New Zealand television and the industry. Now in 2016 we face that challenge again with the TPPA, only the threat is greater. Previous FTAs allow foreign governments to sue New Zealand, but the TPPA allows foreign companies that right. This exponentially increases the likelihood of litigation due to the sheer numbers of companies with interests in NZ, and their lack of diplomatic relations with New Zealand, that may discourage litigation from friendly governments. The large increase of potential litigants increases the threat of litigation, which increases the reluctance of NZ governments and councils to introduce rules, laws or policies that might invoke foreign opposition. As the above example of quotas shows, it is this threat that will particularly weaken NZ sovereignty in relation to cultural industries such as Television and other media. Please exempt cultural industries - television, film, music, radio, news and other media - from the TPPA to protect these industries. And to protect New Zealand culture and identity from being assimilated by the dominant and powerful cultural industries of other TPPA partners. Myles Thomas Television Director and Chief Executive of the Coalition for Better Broadcasting www.betterbroadcasting.co.nz 1 http://musicinaustralia.org.au/index.php?title=Broadcasting_Content_Quotas_%E2%80%94_An_International_Overview_2 'Question of a "Local Content Quota" ', a legal opinion prepared for the Ministry of Commerce by Tony Small, 28 August 1998 3 NZ Herald, 10 April 2000. 4 I. Bernier, Content Regulation in the Audio-Visual Sector, in: D. Gerardin/D. Luff (pub.) The WTO and Global Convergence in Telecommunications and Audio-Visual Services, 2004, p. 227 5 http://unesdoc.unesco.org/images/0013/001322/132262e.pdf, page 31 6 Dr Ruth Harley speech to SPADA 2014 "the Australian industry fought a trenchant battle in the GATS negotiations that saw their quota protected."</p>

Doug Allen	Kia ora, I am against the TPPA for a number of reasons. There has been a complete lack of media scrutiny on this leading up to the signing of it, and the government has done its best to prevent the public from learning about it. The govt has only tried to put a positive spin on it and not highlight any of the costs (economic and political) involved with it. Firstly the inclusion of ISDS is not necessary. If a corporation wants to take any sort of action against a government, I believe it should be within the court system of the government that the corporate is trying to sue, not a pseudo court system created by the Americans. Secondly, the ISDS system means that governments are less likely to represent the desires of the people that elected them, ie the citizens. If faced with the threat of costly legal action to put in policy that are in the best interests of the people, the government will either not pursue the policy OR the taxpayer will have to pay for the court costs. This will necessitate increases in taxes. The government has tried spinning that the TPPA will be worth and additional \$2 billion (or so) per annum (only 0.9% of GDP - which is negligible). Yet, they have either failed to realise (or kept from the public) that this will easily be offset by the costs involved with increased medical costs, especially with regards to biologics) and legal action that will be brought against the government by corporations through the ISDS. I am also very unimpressed by the lack of consultation with the governments Treaty of Waitangi partner - yes, Maori. Agreeing to this deal without having any representation of Iwi, goes against the idea of Tino Rangatiratanga. The current government has shown a complete lack of interest in combating climate change. It will be harder for a new progressive and environmentally minded government to put through legislation to protect the environment. To summarise, governments are there to serve the best interests of the people, I have seen three terms of the current government do anything but that and signing up to an agreement that gives even less incentive for a future government to do what's best for the people is wrong. I am against the deal and to call this a "Free trade" deal is a joke, it is going to cost us (and peoples in all other nations involved) a lot. Please do not ratify this corporate interest agreement. Doug Allen
Zachary	1. Protection of our environment should be our #1 priority, the tppa can give multinational corporations free control over how they choose to treat our environment with no legal ramifications. If our future laws involving protecting our environment inflict their future profit they have the option to sue our government for taxpayer money. 2. The very nature of how the tppa has been conducted is a big red flag for me. The documents have been kept on the most part in secret and will remain hidden from public for years after it has been signed. This alone should be a huge warning for people. That and once the agreement is signed it's here to stay. 3. We've had ZERO factual benefits for the everyday kiwi, only 'roundabout' estimates given by Key and his goons. To be signing a 'trade deal' like this we should have concrete benefits for the people of New Zealand, not just be hearing "trust me" from our supposed leaders.
Teresa Irving	I have seen a lot of changes in my 65 years, some for the better, some not, but this deal is the worst thing ever to undermine our basic human rights. Unless one has guaranteed wealth the alternative is mere existence. I fear for the total loss of our future childrens right and as such, I ask you please do not ratify this agreement.
Stephen Haigh	The New Zealand people should get to vote on this issue. The deal was struck behind closed doors & without the publics consent.

Firstly, the government says that the TPPA will deliver significant benefits to New Zealand economy. According to the government's own figures, our national income (GNP) would be 0.9% higher by 2030 with the TPPA. Without the TPPA, GNP would increase by 47% by 2030. So the TPPA would add less than 1% to an expected increase of 47%. This is not a significant benefit. Research showed that even the 0.9% increase in GNP is grossly exaggerated, since most of the increase results from removing 'non-tariff barriers' (ie. regulation on business). But these regulations including legitimate protection of our environment, public health and other aims, raising the likelihood of even more leaky buildings, Pike River disasters and finance company collapses from so called 'light' regulation. The savings that resulted from the economic modelling were so speculative that the government arbitrarily halved the number. Even after doing so, the gains from removing 'non-tariff barriers' still accounted for most of the projected benefit from the TPPA. These are ideologically-driven, speculative numbers that have little credibility. There are tangible savings from tariff reductions, primarily in agriculture. These tariff reductions of around 1% of exports are smaller than some daily movements in global dairy prices or exchange rates. They are not significant for farmers. And these gains come at a price. The TPPA falls far short of the promised 'gold standard' agreement, and locks in continued tariffs in sectors like dairy and beef for Japan, Canada and the US. The TPPA also allows the US and other countries to continue to use massive agricultural subsidies that allow them to compete unfairly. The US Congressional Office has estimated US agricultural subsidies may total \$1 trillion over the next decade, accounting for up to 40% of costs of production for dairy farmers. This is unfair trading that is allowed under the TPPA. The TPPA would deliver tiny economic benefits, and government spin has tried to make them look as good as possible by not only exaggerating the benefits but also by excluding any of the costs in their modelling. The costs include extension of copyright from 50 to 70 years, additional costs for longer data exclusivity for biologic medicines, costs to consumers from internet restrictions, additional legal fees and administrative costs for central and local government, the costs of being sued by foreign corporations and the costs of defending cases. It is likely that the costs will far outweigh the benefits. The TPPA does not stack up economically, let alone if the analysis included the non-economic impacts on the environment, health, quality of life, inequality and the loss of democratic rights and sovereignty. Secondly, the government says the TPPA is just a Free Trade Agreement and we have lots of those. They have been good for us and we haven't yet been sued. This needs unpacking. The TPPA is mostly not about tariffs and quotas, but about so-called 'internal barriers' to foreign companies. These are the laws and regulations that get in the way of business, even if they also have a role in protecting the public interest. Removing the government's right to regulate may be good for business but it's not good for the environment or public health or human rights. The government has given assurances that exceptions in the TPPA retain the rights of government to regulate in the public interest, but research papers on the environment, public health and Treaty of Waitangi show these exceptions are likely to be ineffective. It is particularly risky not to have any carve out for action on climate change. References to climate change in earlier drafts of the TPPA were removed, and the absence of even a mention of climate change anywhere in the 6000+ page agreement creates real regulatory uncertainty for the future. The TPPA has a powerful and controversial way of getting rid of regulatory 'barriers' in the form of an Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism that allows investors the right to sue governments in an international tribunal. This may have made sense when Third World dictators were nationalising foreign investment, but that's not the case for New Zealand or the other TPPA countries. Under ISDS, foreign investors are able to take cases in an international tribunal without even going through New Zealand's judicial system. To make matters worse, the tribunals have rampant conflicts of interest, no appeals mechanism and little transparency. In a 2014 article, the Economist called ISDS implementation "disastrous". Most of the 650 ISDS cases so far have been against environmental regulations and have included cases on mining, renewable energy, fracking, toxic chemicals, workers' rights, affirmative action in post-apartheid South Africa, the Philip Morris case against Australia's law on plain packaging for cigarettes and recently, the claim for US\$15 billion over President Obama's rejection of the Keystone XL pipeline. The Key government has tried to reassure the public that New Zealand already has ISDS provisions in free trade agreements, but we have never been sued. But this is mainly because investors from those countries have made 11 ISDS claims compared with 111 from TPPA countries, including the US with the most litigious corporations. It is misleading to say that we won't be sued because we haven't yet been sued. The Key government also justifies the TPPA by pointing out that trade rose significantly after we signed the China Free Trade Agreement (FTA). But all commodity producers expanded exports significantly to China over the past decade, whether or not they have had an FTA. And the experience of Australia should give a warning. The Australian Productivity Commission study in 2010 found that Australia had gained no benefit from their FTA with the US, and had assumed additional risks. It is misleading to say that we are likely to gain huge benefits from the TPPA because we exported more after agreeing the China FTA. In reality, we are opening ourselves to the potential of costly and damaging claims by foreign corporations. Even if we win the cases, there is a chilling effect. Defending itself against cigarette manufacture, Philip Morris cost the Australian Government over A\$50 million. Future governments will shy away from any laws that might adversely impact on the profitability of foreign investors, even if there are benefits for New Zealand society. Thirdly, the government has said the TPPA is a 21st Century agreement. This is far from reality. TPPA is an attempt to lock in failed policies of the past, favouring deregulation and privatisation, and pushing New Zealand further towards the US model of patents, public services and corporate influence over policy making. This is not a good model for New Zealand to follow. The TPPA is not even good for business overall. It gives new rights and

	<p>opportunities to foreign corporations, while further disadvantaging small and medium enterprises that already have to compete with far larger multinationals that are able to avoid paying tax, use predatory pricing and other anti-competitive practices that are not regulated internationally. If you asked most people whether the priority should be to give more advantages to foreign corporations or whether it should be to better regulate the multinationals and help local business, it is unlikely that the answer would be the TPPA. We need very different kinds of agreements for the 21st Century. Other countries are moving away from agreement like the TPPA. Brazil has never signed agreements with ISDS provisions; South Africa, India, and a number of Latin American countries are unwinding ISDS agreements; France and Germany are opposed, and the EU has rejected ISDS. We need agreements that will allow governments to regulate foreign corporations in the public interest, that support environmental protection, climate change, public health and human rights, and that create space for thriving local business and local communities. But first we need to reject the TPPA. Signing the TPPA is largely symbolic. Ratification of the TPPA by countries representing 85% of its combined GNP is required to bring the TPPA into force. The TPPA is unlikely to be ratified in the US until the new President is in office, or it may be rejected (leading candidates oppose the TPPA). And Canada has undertaken to consult widely and undertake objective analysis before deciding whether to ratify. It would be foolish for New Zealand to change our laws to comply with the TPPA before ensuring that others will ratify, but that is what the government plans to do. There will be campaigning around the Select Committee hearings and legislative changes in Parliament, but with a slender majority, possibly bolstered by the support of Phil Goff, the government will be able to pass the TPPA. However, this may be short-lived. The majority of the public are against the TPPA, according to a TV3/Reid Research poll in November last year. A future government could decide not to participate in the TPPA before it comes into force (unlikely to occur before 2018) or even though it is likely to be economically costly and politically difficult, withdraw after it is in force.</p>
Sam Chong	I don't want to live in a country that is driven by corporate greed, just like the USA is, where the laws are made by who has the most money, we New Zealanders should be able to decide our own futures. The ISDS will destroy our sovereignty, just because we have been sued yet doesn't change the fact that this will open us to being able to be sued outside of our legal processes, look at what is happening in the USA, Canada and other american countries, just excluding the tobacco industry is not enough, the ISDS should be removed completely
Adrian Armstrong	I do not believe we should so freely give away the only assets we have- our land and the care for our people.
Rik Turner	Leave our country and our peoples rights alone.
zeb harland	The TPP shunts the government towards light-handed regulation, despite the global financial crisis and our own problems with leaky buildings, Pike River and rest homes. The TPP may also give foreign companies more opportunities to litigate against the government. Actions taken by the government to regulate industries (such as tobacco) could increase its risk of being sued by investors in private international tribunals – and so the government may be reluctant to bring in the regulation. The benefits have been over estimated to make the deal look better, independent reviews have shown that the actual increase with TPP vs without TPP will likely be very minor. The ISDS is a joke. end of story. Give corporations the power to regulate themselves. How was this ever a thing, it should never have been, and never should be for NZ.
Andy Dodd	I oppose New Zealand ratification of the TPPA. I consider there has been a lack of willingness on the part of the National government to engage in public debate, over a matter that has considerable bearing on the ability of future governments to legislate in the best interests of New Zealanders. I believe the costs of ratification in terms of the impact on public health, copyright extensions, and internet protections far outweigh the benefits claimed by the current government. I believe that given the apparent level of public concern, specific terms of the agreement should be subject to a meaningful public debate, and that a referendum should be held to determine the level of public support, or opposition, prior to committing future generations to the terms of the TPPA. I seek the withdrawal of the New Zealand government from the TPPA ratification process until such time as there has been meaningful public debate, and the will of the New Zealand public is better understood.
Gladys	Te Tiriti o Waitangi was simply an invitation to share land and resources. History shows true intent ... greed and power of all who have been, and are currently in government positions. The most least cared about are all New Zealanders and especially, Tangata Whenua; this too is clear in the history of this land since colonisation. May the peoples voice shout out loud, loud enough for the heavens to hear because we are going to need heavens help from here on in.
Dan Allen	This a criminal corporate takeover bid. The fact of secrecy, obfuscation, etc is proof of a criminal enterprise, ask any policeman. That our politicians can't/won't see this suggests they are either very stupid or they are crooks.

mike	selling off our (NZ) assets and land to foreigners without asking nzers 1st its in the damn treaty that government are Not to sell our land off its not yours to Damn well sell to you Government its all about Bloody money and how rich you can get
gretchen schulz	The TPP must be stopped, it is a threat to all human beings health and economy. It will make corporations even stronger not only in-country but from foreign shores. Corporate and politicians need to be weakened. It is another undermining of democracy. Regards Gretchen Schulz
sarah corban	I feel like this tppa doesn't address any of the big problems that we all seem to be ignoring. We are polluting the earth at the speed of light. New Zealand needs to aim towards becoming a sustainable country, we need to adapt permaculture principles and put the focus on preserving what we have left while putting every effort into reversing the damage we are doing to our environment, before its to late. There are solutions, hemp is the answer. Everything that is made from plastic could be made from hemp. Turning crude oil into plastic gives of an insane amount of pollution, using plastic pollutes our body's and then when we are done with it plastic sits and pollutes our earth for hundreds of years. Hemp doesn't pollute anything. Our technology, packaging, foods, cars, houses could all be made from hemp without polluting anything. New Zealand's climate is perfect for growing hemp, it would create heaps and heaps of jobs for our growing unemployment and it would give our economy the boost it desperately needs. As well as dramatically reducing our contribution to all the pollution.
Dana RiceCaro	This agreement, the TPPA, is really a legalising of what has been slowing creeping into our society, country and many other nations... It undermines what All Human Beings want and are! It is a continuation of the worst aspects of humanity (domination, right, wrong, punishment, control etc)... I can NOT agree with what this OLD thinking manifests and refuse with 'my life' to allow this agreement to come into being!
Charmian Koed	New Zealanders, in very large numbers, reject this agreement. Our government needs to listen to us!
Belinda Hodson	The TPPA provides rules favoring big business that will handcuff the choices future governments can make about our sovereignty. Under the ISDS clause, we could be sued by corporations about the decisions our government makes to protect our economy, health system, education system, housing market, environment and human rights. The ISDS clause favours corporations and other bodies who have the money and resources to sue our government, while the average kiwi doesn't have access to these resources. Where is the equity and fairness in this? Drug companies currently hold the balance of power when it comes to what treatments are available for NZer's. They also ultimately dictate price. By gaining an advantage of extending the patient period and the introduction of a review process o Pharmac's decision, we are giving them even more power to determine what drugs we have access to and at what price. I have been watching question time on Parliamentary TV for some time now and the National Government NEVER mention these issues. They have traded off our sovereignty and control in these key areas and others for greater access to overseas markets for our exports. Where is the balance in this for the average kiwi? I support Fair Trade not Free Trade. But the TPPA is neither of these - it is not even Free Trade. I do not support the TPPA being ratified. I would also like to say that even though I am raising this to the select committee in a submission I know that the National Government's intention (which they refuse to admit to) is to listen to submissions like mine through the select committee process and ignore them, ratify the TPPA agreement as it stands and then tell the public they went through a consultation process through the select committee process. Please don't do this !!!
Maria tauwhare	Big fossil fuel companies could sue New Zealand for making laws that protect our environment.
Heidi Ross	We can be sued! What the hell are you thinking! Maori have NOT be consulted! Why has this happened with the natives of our land being involved in the process? The cost of medicine will increase by decreasing competition and therefore giving power to certain companies. There is nothing to protect the environment in the TPPA! NOTHING! What the hell is wrong with you people!
Phoebe Masters	TPPA FACTS TAKE ACTION!!! TELL THE GOVERNMENT HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE TPPA! Here are 9 reasons I believe TPPA should not be ratified in NZ. I have selected the issues of greatest importance to me. 1. The loss of our sovereignty 2. The threat to climate action and our environment 3. The cost to consumers for copyright extensions 4. Internet protections and privacy 5. The impact it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi 6. The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) 7. ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) 8. The impact it will have on our public health and medicines 9. Corporate power and influence over the political process. HOW ABOUT WE EXPLORE THE ISSUES AND TAKE ACTION SAVE US THE PROPAGANDA. WE DEMAND THE FACTS!!!

Jen Davis	Scientists agree that we have a brief window to end our fossil fuel driven economy before global catastrophic desertification, ocean acidification and sea level rise, massive droughts and famine and other related events will make this planet barely habitable. TPP will open the floodgates to corporations which want to drill, frack, and burn coal. Our sovereign laws will be overturned in the interest of corporate profits, and those standing in the way can be sued. This secret document, fashioned by corporate leaders could truly cause the end of most life on this planet. I have two vibrant, intelligent and sweet children who deserve a future. Anyone reading this who has kids or cares about any children needs to work to STOP the TPP!
Tejomani Earl	absolutely no mention of climate change in this proposed agreement. all 12 countries need to agree; N.z HAS not implemented all our laws to investigate this thoroughly...after Tppa WE WONT EVEN BE ABLE TO PURSUE LEGAL AVENUES in this way
Minty Hunter	In the past couple of decades, there has been a massive upswing in corporations suing governments, and for increasingly huge amounts of money. I could list them here, but any small amount of googling provides extensive examples. The recent case of Phillip Morris, which rearranged its assets to become a Hong Kong investor purely so it could sue the Australian Government over plain-packaging, is sometimes held up of an example of "look, they failed!" ... and yet Australia was required to commit huge amounts of time and money to defending the suit, so even a 'success' is draining. All this puts the rights of corporations above the rights of a government deciding to legislate for the benefit of its citizens. That is wrong. When the free market and corporations are unchecked, we get things like Martin Shkreli's 5000% increase in a vital aids drug. That level of unapologetic greed is what will destroy Pharmac and undermine our health system. The number one cause of bankruptcy in America is medical expenses, and yet we seem to be racing towards an American healthy system. The TPPA was negotiated secretly - except for the input of huge corporations, who had full access. Just saying "trust us, everything will be fine" is ridiculous; the agreement is designed to further swing the balance in favour of large corporations. I'm not anti-capitalism, but this is not what capitalism is. This heads closer to feudalism, where a very select elite have more and more power over the great mass of average people, where the financial concerns of a small few are held higher than the health and well-being of the population of citizens. If we are to avoid our own version of Coca Cola suing India over water, or Nestle stating that "water is not a public right", or rainwater collection by individuals being outlawed (along with a ban on washing lines) as is the case in some American states, or Phillip Morris suing Australia for plain-packaging of cigarettes, or Bayer suing the EU over banning of bee-killing pesticides.... then we need to reject the TPPA.
Brian Moore	As citizens of New Zealand we are having our democratic rights eroded by corrupt business invading our governments right to manage the country on a duty bound basis. Rather, the current government is trying to take us down the path of rule by corporate wealth.
Chey Madsen	I strongly oppose the TPPA. There are no real benefits for New Zealanders, it in fact ties our hands and forces us to comply with options that can and most likely will be detrimental to our country and our people, both now and in the future. A future by the way that no one knows in advance so how can we decide now on what is the process to take with climate change etc when it is possible other factors will change over time and the situation will require alternative implementations. We cannot predict the future with certainty. TPPA threatens our ability to implement real climate solutions. We do not know everything in advance and changes at some point are inevitable. We should not be playing Russian Roulette with our country and the people who live here. We could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. Several multi billion dollar cases already exist in both the USA and Germany with the people and the government having no rights to implement change to benefit the country due to TPPA. Life saving medicines will become more expensive. This making the options for the people of NZ who pay taxes and keep this country going limited to the rich and even more difficult for the middle income and lower income. It will likely force some people into an early decline as they will not be able to afford the medication they should have by right of being human. We will be limited in our ability to make choices. We will be wasting huge amounts of money defending claims. There are already several multi billion dollar law suits in progress in the USA and Germany because of the TPPA. The wording in one document replicated identically to wording in the current TPPA documents. Our country could be bankrupt very easily with just a few TPPA claims made against us. We won't even really be a country anymore as other countries and corporations will be pulling the strings and dictating the terms on which this country will proceed. We are beholden to the USA with next to no public input or options. This is not only anti-democratic, it is morally and ethically wrong. This is our country and we should be able to implement changes and improvements as and when required and the TPPA will take that option away from us. It benefits a monopoly of high profile corporations and has little to no benefit whatsoever to the people of NZ as individuals. It takes away our rights, It takes away our options. It takes away our access to affordable medications and turns us all into puppets. We are not robots that should be run by the machine (TPPA). We are New Zealand and we should stand STRONG as we are and not be led by the weak current government like lamb to the slaughter!!!
Rachel Hansen	NZ does not need TPPA.

Lesley Trench	New Zealand is a small country with not many physically close neighbours and this in the past has made us a very self sufficient and ensured that we looked after our citizens. To negotiate in private undermines the democracy we hold dear and what people around the world see New Zealand stand for, we are one of a very few nations left that fight for the cause that is right rather than the one that is popular. Large corporates (in general) are not concerned about the welfare of the people or the environment we live in but revenue, profit and shareholder payments. To enable them to have a say over changes in law and policy is madness. The progress of science and our understanding means change is inevitable. If we allow companies to stop change based on profit than we will progress no further as the companies will have no incentive to better their products and have no pressure from governments to do so. New Zealand is a bed of ideas and ingenuity why do we want to stifle this behaviour because a large company cannot be bothered to be as creative. They need to be held to account for their behaviour just like everyone else, they are not above the law and therefore should not be allowed to influence the law making process.
priscilla june owen	I am disgusted at the government for signing the TPPA agreement. what happened to our country as been a democratic country, Its about time Mr Key you started to listen to the people of this country & not be a yes man to every other country & other countries politicians. listen to your own people 1st, otherwise you will be kissing your behind good bye at the next election.come off your pompous pedestal and listen to your own country men, not just your own voice all the time yours brassed off P.j.Owen.
Janet Nicol	The TPP smacks of corporate takeover and the undermining of our democratic processes. It is clear that NZ will not gain through this deal and instead has much to lose. It is time this government started listening to the people rather than offering their patronising "trust us" approach.

	I am deeply concerned with which the National Government has approached the signing of the TPPA in regards to the non-consultation to the people of New Zealand with all nationalities that make up the population of our country. It is especially a worry that ALL Māori have not been included in the consultation process, as written below it shows to me that the Treaty of Waitangi will have no legal standing in the future whatsoever if the TPPA were to go ahead. Our environment will be at great risk of being destroyed by foreign Corporate Companies. Therefore I write this submission to the Committee to urgently consider their decision to stop this madness which I believe will take away the freedom of our country which we currently have. 'WITH EACH INSTRUMENT THAT IT SIGNS UP TO, THE CROWN HAS LESS FREEDOM IN HOW IT CAN PROVIDE FOR AND PROTECT MĀORI, THEIR TINO RANGATIRATANGA, AND THEIR INTERESTS IN SUCH DIVERSE AREAS AS CULTURE, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENT.' (Waitangi Tribunal, WAI-262, 2012) The TPPA restricts the sovereignty of New Zealand governments and has the potential to chill their future decisions, including those relating to Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi, He Wakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga (Declaration of Independence), the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and as a matter of public policy and social justice. Because the TPPA has the potential to impact on hapu and iwi and their resources, it requires informed consent, or at least a robust bona fide engagement so Māori views are fully incorporated into decision making. This has not happened. Rights of Māori relating to Intellectual Property (IP), biodiversity, and environmental law and policy, guaranteed through the Treaty of Waitangi and the UNDRIP, could be significantly affected by the TPPA. The IP chapter strengthens the rights of holders of state-recognized intellectual property rights, a form of intellectual property that has generally not protected mātauranga Māori and the rights of kaitiaki and has, in many cases, undermined those rights. Despite the Treaty of Waitangi exception, the provisions in the IP chapter will make it more difficult for Māori to achieve changes to New Zealand IP law that are necessary to protect rights and obligations of kaitiaki in relation to mātauranga Māori. Commercialisation of the mātauranga associated with genetic and biological resources, and of the resources themselves, can compromise the kaitiaki relationship and put the Crown in breach of Treaty principles. The Crown's failure to consult Māori. There has been no credible attempt to engage with Māori as the Crown's Treaty Partner in the TPPA. Ngati Kahungunu was consulted about intellectual property issues relating to Wai 262 early on, but that stopped in 2010. An Official Information Act request revealed the only Māori on MFAT's list of 'stakeholders' was the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA). A handful of other individuals and groups were listed as having been consulted, almost all because they attended the stakeholder events when negotiations were held in New Zealand, or because they sought out meetings. Mātauranga Māori can be defined as 'the knowledge, comprehension, or understanding of everything visible and invisible existing in the universe', and is often used synonymously with wisdom. In the contemporary world, the definition is usually extended to include present-day, historic, local, and traditional knowledge; systems of knowledge transfer and storage; and the goals, aspirations and issues from an indigenous perspective. A kaitiaki is a guardian. This can be a person or group that cares for an area such as a lake or forest. They are given that role by the local tribe. Māori rights and the barriers the TPPA place on genuine progress. The UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples singled out investment chapters of agreements like the TPPA and investor-state dispute settlement as a risk to indigenous rights and a constraint on their ability to gain remedies. The TPPA leaves the rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty or the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and who will have a legal right to pursue their interests through private international mechanisms. This may further undermine the willingness of governments to implement Waitangi Tribunal recommendations for fear of legal action from overseas investors. The Treaty exception is limited in scope and relies on the good will of the government to protect Māori rights, which repeated Waitangi Tribunal reports show it has failed to do.
Ron Dennis	
Rose Roibe	I feel very strongly that the TPPA is not good for our country or our people. t
Quentin	After reading the "facts" or at least what we are lead to believe are the facts about this agreement I oppose it in full. No deals with such high levels of secrecy should ever be allowed. The people of this country do not want to have any part in this and it's time the government listens to us. New Zealand is a strong and independent country and all I see this agreement doing is making corporate entities more powerful at the expense of the public. Further pushing the gap between rich and poor. If the government put even half the effort into dealing with the country's real problems as it has into the agreement, I would be a proud kiwi. Currently I am disgusted at the way this entire process has been handled.
Keith Tihema Beale	When deals are negotiated behind closed doors with no public input or voice it is not in the best interest of the nation or country. The only ones who will profit from secret deals like this are the RICH and POWERFUL the rest will suffer. If you made the Politicians PAY the MINIMUM wage, things would change for the betterment of the people. Thank you.

kirsty barber	This is a very frightening development in the blatant promotion of corporate greed and profit interests over the sovereign rights of people to create a fair, ethical and equitable society in which their families can work to prosper now and for generations to come. There is no turning back from signing away our rights like this - most multi-nationals have budgets larger than many countries and serve no ones interests but their own.
Francine Harrison	The fact that our rights will come into question and our whole way of life if we disagree will we be bombed and lose our homes and land, not to have the choice to grow our own produce or to have no control over the destruction of our forests and sea beds for generations to come,
Aiden Riki-Te Kanawa	You did it in secret so obviously theres something in the TPPA you know us Maori will no agree to.
Ngaire Clarke	I oppose TPPA because it will remove our freedom to CHOOSE our options, because our present PM failed to consult the people regarding the terms of TPPA and because it has no benefits for the common New Zealander as opposed to those with much wealth.
Sandra ANDerson	The agreement is largely about rules that will limit our democratic rights. Corporations will be able to take legal action against government that is not presided over by judges in our legal system The treaty of Waitangi can be over-ridden. The cost of medicines will increase as a result of limiting competition The agreement also limits our ability to respond to solutions to climate change. The agreement does not come into force until all 12 countries have implemented policies that comply with the US interpretation of what we need to do. I am opposed to the signing of this trade agreement.
Chris Scotland	Medicines are on the verge of changing forever, with the inception of Biologics these will cure many disease quickly, taking the time for generic to hit the market from 2yrs to 5+ yrs is unconscionable, we are going to force the everyday person wait 5yrs to afford the treatment for MS, ALS, Cancers...5yrs of the onset of an aggressive MS would be catastrophic, 2 years would be bad enough (I know this is coming because I study Biomedical science for the last 6 years)...I've seen how SANBAG works, and the TPPA is SANBAG on a Massive scale, allowing the other 11 countries to vote against us, forcing us to change laws and regulations to their favour this diminishes our sovereignty (I could only tick 3 choices)...we have the ability to make Free trade agreements with all of these countries, which is what we should do not become part of a vile conglomerate run by The Corporations of the USA...
Vaughan Sanders	My major issue with the TPPA is the undemocratic way that it has been handled over the last 5 years. If this really was a good deal for NZ politicians would have been very quickly wanting to show us all the agreements to prove how great it is. I believe that such a huge agreement for NZ with such wide ranging potential for issues and abuse through things like the ISDS, should not be allowed to be signed behind our back without a very transparent and democratic process being used. As a small business owner in NZ I do not believe that this agreement has any benefit to me, yet I feel small business is where the NZ government should be focusing on protecting and growing. Large foreign companies coming to NZ leads to increased exploitation of NZ citizens and its environment and leads to profits being sent offshore not helping our country. (I have first hand experience of this issue while being an employee of a NZ branch of Gameloft which is a french mobile game studio, where we made multiple games that gross in the 15-20 million dollar mark but that money all is sent back the home office not used to enhance and grow NZ industry. They have just recently shut the Auckland office due to their world financial position leaving 160 people unemployed.) Finally for me giving companies any involvement in NZ law let alone the ability to litigate us is unacceptable to me as a New Zealander! They have no right demanding or dedicating policy to us or telling us we owe them because we have affected there profits. Being in business is about studying the risks and challenges of a market and profiting off them if those risks are acceptable, it is not about suing them because you are affecting their market. We not only have to think about us and the short term effects for NZ but that fact that this agreement maybe around for a long time and we can not just leave it for our children to deal with later. Thank you for your time. Vaughan Sanders
Robert Ratumu	You are signing TPP with out the consent of New Zealand people and it's disgraceful you tried to do this in secret. As you well knowingly the New Zealand people would not agree to this agreement. Last time I checked taking bribes to sell out your country and its people is treason.
Andy Murray	This agreement further adds to the imbalances and inequality that has boomed in our society in the last decades. The power and control, resources and profits will be further concentrated into the hands of the few at the expense of the many. This deal makes the minority better off and cements their control over the majority.

Fernanda Borba Nunes	The fact that the TPPA is being taken ahead by the Government against public opinion would be already A REASON to be against it. The anti-democratic process is a major point to consider against this treaty, and it extends to the fact that NZ sovereignty will be at stake when the legislation passes. The monetary benefits claimed by the Government won't compensate the disadvantages of transferring the power from our country to multinational corporations. This is a disaster for our democracy and NZ population will be the ones paying for the consequences. It is saddening to see this happening and I would like to appeal to the common sense of NZ politicians. Please keep our country ours and free of interference from purely monetary interests that not really benefit us.
Framceska Francina	The loss of our sovereignty, The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) Corporate power and influence over the political process
Michael Clark	To The Select Committee regards TPPA I feel we are losing control of our own destiny as a country, with the use of the ISDS provisions in the TPPA agreement. The fact that this whole process has been secret is appalling and a indication of the influence and power the corporations have over the Democratic processes already. The signing of this agreement will historically be looked upon as a step backwards for Democracy. The cost of living is already inflated. When I read about what this agreement will do to the cost of health and medical services, it is frightening to think about what the level of poverty will be like in 20 years time. The fact that governments may be influenced by the treat of action by ISDS, is almost unbelievable. All I can do is vote against who ever signs this document. But I will do my best to ensure as many other do the same.
April Stark	I am extremely disappointed in the Govt. of today. I feel we the people of this country have been roughshod over with the initial passing of the TPPA. Have you the politicians, forgotten who voted for you to be in office? Shouldn't your job as representatives of us all be to communicate with us about important issues such as this? I often get the feeling that you politicians forget all about us and just do what you think would be best for you, not us as a whole. I wonder what would happen if hardly anyone voted at the next elections because we feel you are not prepared to listen to our concerns and what we want!! I always believed that we should put our trust in people to do the right thing but in this issue I have to confess I have lost that trust in the Govt. of today, and for me that is a very sad thing.
Debra Westmoreland & Philip Powers	We feel that people, the environment and policy making are more important than profit . We should be the one making policy and law fair for the people of NZ not invested people off shore.
Noeline Gannaway	I am particularly concened that the Investor State Dispute Settlement will allow large corporates to sue our government for welfare legislation they perceive will threaten their interests This would undermine our sovereignty.
leo medway	I do not support this and the impact it will have on our health system
Sharon Daly	It's so much more than just a couple of things. The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) This is about our lives the lives of our children and the children that follow after them, it's also about our Planet. We are not the Little People, we are the People that what a better future for the World and our Planet.
Marianna Beech	The loss of sovereignty. The impact it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi. The impact on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process.
andi chapman	http://www.richieallen.co.uk He says it all really. The more people who listen to the alternative radio/media sites, not the ones owned by a very elite group of self pleasing people, the nearer we will get to fighting the non democratic passing of TPPA
David McLeod Hill	The whole process was anti democratic and the treaty dis empowers our parliament and our electorate even more than it is already.
Louise Weaver	Please don't do this to us . The impact on health care alone is so wrong .
emma hepi	All of the above issues will impact on our land, our people, our wild life, our food, our water and sea-our democracy and freedom to act,speak, our whole life. I say NO to TPPA and this Government is doing everything in its power to SELL us out...belittle us....even local Government boards need to look at their roles.....
Alex Blackwood	In more ways than one, you are destroying the ability of younger generations to have the New Zealand that we have been brought up to aspire to: green, democratic and our own. Contrary to John Key's assumption, money is not the only factor in ensuring us a fair future.

Dean Aldridge	I do not consider it is in this nation's best interests to sign up to an agreement that dilutes our sovereignty and gives power to foreign governments and corporations. I am not anti-trade; I just believe trade deals should be for the good of the citizens of this country, not corporations. I don't see why we should submit ourselves to dispute resolution processes that are not transparent or appealable - surely our own legislature is mature enough to handle such matters, especially in the case of NZ vs. Australia or NZ vs USA. The model used to calculate benefits to this country is seriously flawed; a better model (the one used by Tuft University) shows that there will be a net loss of jobs in this country and any benefits that accrue will most likely be outweighed by extra costs (for medicines etc). It is not good enough to join up because it's "better to be in than out" - trade will continue without this ridiculous agreement, which is not so much about trade as it is ceding power to foreign corporations. Don't sign up to the TPPA!
Walter Town	I am totally opposed to the TPPA as it is only any good for the greedy corporates. The average New Zealander will be worse off with extra cost for health etc.
Jessica Martin	Dear Government I support every person's right to freedom. It is my belief the TPPA undermines this freedom and in fact could take it away. I also believe that it is our duty to protect the environment for future generations. Many points concern me deeply about the TPPA but the main ones are relating to the power it will give to corporates, foreign investors and the USA for example: - foreign investors could sue the Government to prevent environmental reforms. - The NZ Government could lose billions of dollars in law suits under the ISDS system. I hope the NZ Government sees sense and listens to its Citizens who do not want us to be part of the TPPA. Regards Jessica Martin
James Gardner	To Whom It May Concern, I strongly believe that we, as a country, should not sign the TPPA. The many reasons for this have been discussed in the news and continuously dismissed by the current government without due consideration. This is just one small voice of protest amongst thousands. Regards, James Gardner.
Francis Morgan	This whole agreement is just wrong, demonstrating a lack of respect or interest for the peoples opinions or for the principal of democracy. Secret deals and political smokescreens in order to promote the influence and control of foreign entities at the expense of New Zealand's future : This is not how our country should be governed.
Ingrid Schwarze	I feel with if the tppa gets trough we are entering another stage of slavery I strongly hope it will not get trough
Stephan Dyer	Corporate business should not be able to over power government . In this they will remove democracy and be allowed to become dictatorial
dean cowell	This agreement limits the people of NZs ability to govern , make decisions in our best interest, decide our future paths, have medicine available at a fair price, look after our citizens most at risk. This is all so the rich can be richer. This must be stopped. NZ should be run by NZers not corporate entitys who do not have the communitys best interests at heart. Please do not throw our country to the wolves.
Rose McGilicuddy	Any deal that is negotiated in secret is a cause for concern. The have/have not gap continues to grow in this country and increasing corporatisation will only add to that. There is a saying "so local and everyone wins".
Nina Fairburn	I am making this submission on behalf of myself, my son and my grandchildren (as yet unborn). I believe that the TPPA will undermine the basic human rights of said grandchildren and I want to be able to tell them that I fought for their rights. New Zealand is a democratic country where secret deals with multinational corporations should not take precedent over the health and wellbeing of its people. I believe the TPPA should not be ratified in NZ because corporations should not have power over the political process and the profits of corporations have nothing to do with government.
James	We are Kiwis and always have been. Let's not get caught under the umbrella of other greedy families/ country's wanting to overhaul the great things we kiwis have. Let's be happy with what we have.....
Shane Ruri	I do not support the TPPA!!! For ALL of the reasons listed above. It will also damage OUR countries environment, allowing corporation MORE power to LOOT and PLUNDER our pristine land and sea without consequences.
Danielle Dun	I have so many concerns about this. Mostly how it puts profit and corporations before the rights of common, ordinary New Zealanders. The government does not care about what the people of New Zealand think, they are not listening us. John Key is treating us like stupid children and belittling our concerns at every opportunity. This isn't just about the implications of the TPPA but also about the way the whole matter has been handled. It needs to be up for debate.

Susan Pockett	This treaty is quite simply outrageous. How DARE the National Government ignore the fact that ratifying this agreement will allow foreign corporations to sue the NZ government for passing any law that would adversely affect their obscene profits? How is this democracy?? The TPPA allows NZ to be ruled not by our democratically elected Parliament, but by business concerns that have nothing to do with this country and no interest in the well-being of its people. And don't tell me this won't happen -- governments as large as those of Germany and the US are already being sued under similar "trade" treaties for billions of Euros/Dollars by multinationals upset at having nuclear power and oil pipelines respectively rejected by those governments. NZ will have no show of retaining any effective environmental legislation at all. In our health system, Pharmac already refuses to fund pembrolizumab because it's too expensive, thus unnecessarily condemning to death hundreds of cancer sufferers who would be rescued by this astonishing new drug. How can ANYONE think it a good idea to sign something that gives multinational pharmaceutical companies even more power to milk the public for their own profit? No, seriously, this is too much. Corporate greed has gone too far this time. These predators should be repulsed by all available means, not welcomed in to take over our country. STOP THIS, YOU FOOLS!
Don Fraser	The government does not have the right to grant any aspect of our self determination to any third party without our individual explicit agreement. This legislation goes well beyond the provisions of our assumed social contract with our government and therefore can not be binding on citizens.
Natasha Waru	I oppose TPPA. I am of Maori decent my ancestors and those who were present at the time Te Tiriti o Waitangi was created put in timeless efforts and means to find a way of looking after people, land for generations to come. Sweat and tears fell, blood was shed. Over time wars fought some won, some lost. Our country our land belongs to those descendants of past. TPPA will take that away from us. TPPA will open the floodgates for all throughout other parts of the world to come in and buy, own and create at freewill what ever they like when ever they like. Our country is not for sale, not for the takings. Our country has wairua / spirit and life. One which belongs and should remain our peoples'. Overseas investors see only profit, power control and greed. My tupuna / ancestors looked after the land, and the land looked after them. They were given food, water, shelter, medicine to survive. A means and a ways to do it while taking care of the land. They gave to the land and the land gave back to them. They did not need multi million dollar business developments to be made in order to survive. I worry TPPA will bring these developments to our country. We do not need this. Developments like that consume our resources. This destroys our land and natural resources. That is not right. It is all about corporate power control and greed. TPPA movement is unfair to the rights and choices of people . People who do not want big time corporate developments. People such as ourselves who are happy to live as we are, in harmony with our land and country and those within it. This type of unsettling is also bringing division between people. Divides cultures, divides people by their wealth etc I oppose TPPA and do not believe it will bring any good to our country or its people.
Basil Avery	This programme shifts power from people towards international (especially US) corporates, weakening our democracy. Corporates have no soul. This kind of change deserves much more consultation than a new flag, but there has been none. I would prefer we pursue the non-divisive FTAAP proposal with WTO arbitration.
Yvonne Church	The impact this will have on our public health and medicines, as well as the impact on the Treaty of Waitangi. The threat to our climate and environment. ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) , Consumer Rights, Internet Privacy. NZ's right to govern their own country, without the threat of legal action from Corporate Companies being made out of this country, with their own so called judges presiding.
derek heaton	time for this government to listen to the people, how can you make it legal for an overseas company or government to sue us, what stupidity
nicole lorimer	whilst trading in the global economy is important to us all, we do need to ensure that we, as New Zealanders, look after our country, environment and people. we have seen how large corporates do not care (take for instance the palm plantations of SE Asia) about this. We need to ensure our future is looked after and the TPPA threatens all of this. Come on guys - put NZ and New Zealanders ahead of corporates for once! PLEASE!!
Pamela Braddell	I am very concerned that we (New Zealanders) do not have a favourable 'trade' deal with the TPPA. The New Zealand I am proud to belong to stands up for its rights. A small but principled nation, not swayed nor bullied by larger, more influential countries- (Campaign Half Million -Anti Nuclear Power for example). In my view there are many problems with the TPPA, but the bottom line is that it will not best serve New Zealand.
Virginia O'Connor	We are losing our democracy, sovereignty, heritage both environmentally and democratically. Leave our country alone. Protect our present and future. Our rules by our people, chosen by our people, not foreigners! I emphatically do not and never will agree to the TPPA.

Gemma	To whom it may concern. I am deeply troubled by the movement towards NZs government signing the TPPA on behalf of Aotearoa, New Zealand. When big corporations, and those with money and power make decisions based on making profits, the rest of society suffers. What becomes of democracy when the topics being spoken about are behind closed doors? It is a return to the dark ages where a few kings rule and the 'normal folk' suffer. What happened to people being equal and able to speak as equals on the important issues? Don't go backwards. I implore you as a NZ citizen and someone who cares deeply about justice, money is not the most important thing. Listen to the people. Your sister Gemma Macann
Ms Wright	TPPA NO DEAL!!!!
Jane Gardiner	I oppose the TPPA as a citizen of Aotearoa. I refuse to believe that giving multinational corporations more power, more rights, will be beneficial to our country and indeed the world. I feel this way due to the ample amount of evidence for such a belief, as presented through articles, documentaries, news, and citizen journalism. We are at a crucial point in history. We have to make a choice about the future - to continue on this path of self destruction in the name of profit (which, may I remind you, is bias, poorly distributed, and does not feed us). Or, we can choose to take a breath, have a think, and come up with new ways to overcome our current problems - pollution, poor water quality, poverty, climate change, etc. Profit and GDP will not protect our future. Healthy people with healthy minds who have the freedom to innovate will. More power to multinationals = less power to ordinary people. How can we compete with businesses who essentially own our government? How can we compete with businesses that have billions of dollars and their own court system to shut down any invention or idea which may threaten their profits? Time in government is short term but life in this country is not. What will our legacy be? Care for people, or care for a monetary system which literally sucks the life out of this world. This world that we rely on. You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one... Do not go through with this. Come up with a new plan, a better plan, a fairer plan. Protect Aotearoa. Please.
Barry mcnutt	If this agreement provides rights to overseas corporations to sue our Democratically elected Govts. for loss of market access or and thus threaten the stability of our independent sovereignty then please think hard and deeply to ensure our people are not held to Ransome Barry McNutt
Mark Smith	Im against any forein owerndship of New Zealand if we cant buy in there country , against anything to do with the FDA against the ability of overseas countrys to sue us
Victoria Perkins	I strongly oppose the TPPA. It undermines our country and it's society. It removes our citizens right to a transparent democracy and places the rights of corporations above our people. NO TPPA!!!
Amy Beazer	I do not want the National government to sign the TPPA on the behalf of New Zealanders. There is clear protest to the signing and New Zealanders concerns should be addressed. I am concerned about the National government breaching the Treaty of Waitangi and our country loosing sovereignty. I am concerned about the cost to our environment for without it we do not exist. John Key you are not separate from nature you are part of it and without it you are nothing. I am concerned about the opportunity of corporations to influence the legislation that passes in our country. A government should be by the people for the people NOT by the people for corporations!

	I implore you to stop with what seems like this Government's policy of selling New Zealand away to whomever you want to impress the most. In amongst all the lies, deceit and secrets about this agreement, the only real bonus I have seen mentioned is the 0.9% growth in GDP. But of course, that's the numbers you've said, which many economists disagree with. Many economists say it will be a maximum of 0.7, and that it is likely we will lose jobs and there won't be any growth. And of course, you always fail to mention that this is all on top of the 49% projected growth with or without the TPPA. How much will the implementation and regulation of the new laws cost? Will simply carrying out the agreement negate any of the potential economic gain? We don't know, because you have refused to answer any questions honestly or have any real discussion about it. "There will be no increase in the cost of medicine." "Okay, there will be an increase in the cost of medicine, that was a lie." "No we have not finished the discussions, we're not signing yet, and it's not being signed here." "Oh wait, we're totally signing it, it's totally here, and we're doing it before Parliament comes back so we can avoid talking about it." You tell us to trust you, you tell us you have the best interests of the country at heart, you tell us this will be great for our people, but when everything you say about it is a lie, how are we supposed to trust you? The lack of provisions regarding the effect of corporations on climate change and our environment is appalling. The potential for corporate control and manipulation of our Government is appalling (Though that would only apply to future Governments, it's clear that you lot are already well past that point). The potential for needing to bow to the whims of foreign interest groups and foreign Governments is appalling, and goes against everything that has made this country great. The lack of consultation with Maori about the potential violations of the Treaty of Waitangi is appalling, and to just say "oh trust us, it's fine" again, doesn't cut the mustard. To call this a free trade agreement and to label those of us against it as anti-free trade is insulting. I am a huge supporter of free trade, and if I truly believed free trade was the intention of this agreement I'd be all for it. This is much more than a free trade agreement. This is a US corporation led attempt at changing and controlling the global economy, and shaping it to suit their needs and interests. The benefits for our country and the average person are minimal, and the downsides seem to be unending.
Seamus Ford	I disagree with the corporate power and influence over the political process, and all the negative things that accompany it.
Leigh Hadlow	The TPPA will give away our country's rights to monster international corporations, allowing them to sue countries over regulations that those corporations do not like. It will also give pharmaceutical companies market monopolies raising the price of medicines. It will sacrifice national sovereignty, public health and internet freedom putting the rights of profit driven businesses over the rights of human beings and the governments that we form to protect ourselves.
Adrienne Merryweather	Whilst I accept that NZ must be a trading nation, it is utterly unacceptable to me that any agreement should be signed which in any way affects our right to govern our country in a democratic manner. Corporates have a different agenda which is incompatible with the democratic sovereignty of our nation.
Kelvin Woodley	As a Proud New Zealander , I believe the TPP is not about trade but about giving our rights away to big business , that can sue our government (the People of NZ) if our laws dont suit them in making them a profit . Our medicines and natural health products will be more expensive and we wont be able to access them as easily .
Claire Butler	Not good!
Sandi McDonald	I believe that signing this agreement will have long and profound complications for us as new zealanders taking away a lot of our rights and also costing our future generations , john key needs to start listening to everyday kiwi citizens there are a lot of nzers that are going to suffer if this deal is passed through the government .
kenneth bee	The whole process of the TPPA has not been done in a democratic way and I feel we are being railroaded into something that we will all eventually regret and not be able to change anything about it . We will have been taken over by corporate powers and their influences over political process's which unfortunately is already alarmingly high. This should not be ratified as I see it spelling disaster for all but the rich in NZ.
munday	TPP will never have any grounding in my eyes , as New Zealanders we are bound by one document only. John Key is only a representative of the queen and must act on her behalf. John Key is not reflecting what the people of this country want. What he is doing against the people and the treaty of Waitangi is nothing short of treason.
Leslie Hawera	i am totally against the signing of the TPP, it will simply bring more power and greed to people who don't care about democracy and the planet... Please US Congress do not approve the TPP
Sari	

Susana Mangisi	To Whom It May Concern, I and my family resent everything TPPA represent and totally support NZ should keep out of signing into corporate greed that undermines our democratic process. Here some of the reasons I disagree with TPPA: -The loss of our sovereignty -The threat to climate action and our environment -The cost to consumers for copyright extensions -Internet protections and privacy - The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi -The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) -ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) -The impact it will have on our public health and medicines -Corporate power and influence over the political process Yours sincerely Susana Mangisi
Daniel Loughlin	I am concerned that any person or entity be above the laws governing our country, as these were made for the betterment of the whole of society. Anything else is undemocratic and has the stain of undue entitlement on it. Please do not sell our rights and freedoms for a few coins.
Tiffany Neylon	The fact that other countries are already being sued for making political decisions that support a positive future for people and the planet is proof that this deal is being made for all the wrong reasons. Any benefits to trade will be far outweighed by these powers given to corporations.
Ron Tapply	I am opposed to the implementation of this TPPA agreement with foreign entities as I feel the enabling of yet more corporate strength in New Zealand is detrimental to the average New Zealand citizen. I oppose the secrecy around these negotiations. The proposed financial benefits are not realistic projections, and lower paid New Zealand citizens are bound to suffer. The likelihood is that rents, rates, power- you name it - will increase more than any "benefit"
Fiona Graham	Two forms of fishing subsidy that contribute to overcapacity and overfishing are eliminated under the TPPA, but no similar progress has been made on the overarching issue of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. Investors from a TPPA country have new and more extensive rights in the investment and financial services chapters and controversial power to enforce their special entitlements through international arbitration using ad hoc tribunals which have no appeal.
Catherine Hill	The TPPA is undemocratic to the rights of all New Zealanders. - We could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. - Maori have not been properly consulted. - Life-saving medicines will become more expensive. - Big fossil fuel companies could sue New Zealand for making laws that protect OUR environment. - We are beholden to the United States with next to no public oversight or say. THIS IS ANTI-DEMOCRATIC. Trade can be a good thing but not trade under an agreement that is so undemocratic that it undermines the sovereignty and laws of New Zealand to the detriment of all New Zealanders.
Roger Parkinson	We get some tiny trade gains from the TPPA, but even those are questionable depending on who has done the modeling. The official figures seem to ignore possible downsides like getting sued for taking environmental or health measures, and also the added expenses of the extended copyright provisions. We are, sadly, not a nation that exports a lot of intellectual property, that's the US, so we won't see any gain from that. We would have seen gain from a deal that favoured our commodities, but this is not that deal. So all there is for us a downside. We lose sovereignty to corporate powers via the ISDN (something TPIP rejected, why didn't we?) and our medicines will cost more. This is a bad deal, we should not implement it.
Tess Pilkington	Just like other countries we will be sued by corporations who will pay for this. Medicines already are expensive in small competitive industries who will pay for this. We have so much natural environment to protect when they are to be exploited who will pay? The ever grow poor everyday New Zealander who can't afford homes? Then why are we doing this?
Marie Chan	The PM said no other country had any law suits brought against it by entering into an agreement like this one. However Canada has had multiple law suits brought against it by Big company's claiming the Canadian Government is interfering with its ability to run its business in their country. This is in relation to their environment laws. But my concern is around GM foods and seeds being forced to be accepted into our country by big companies. I don't want to consume anything that has had anything to do with GM. e.g. animals fed with GM grain or products. This agreement will put pressure on our Govt to feel obliged to accept these products into NZ in order to then have our products and services be accepted in any other party's countries. It will severely limit NZ's ability to legislate against these kinds of imports when the world finally accepts that GM food is bad for the body and for the environment.

Giesela	To do anything that doesnot have transparency in all things affecting New Zealanders, that allows foreign corporations greater rights priveledges and tax concessions than any New Zealander , that allows foreign investors or corporations the ability to make profit targets that if not met gives these same entities the right to sue or seek compensation from New Zealand at the expense of New Zealand is Treason. It doesnot support democracy nor the Treaty of Waitangi. It is simply corporate greed and rebranding New Zealand with a flag & undemocratic processes shows this to be the case of a Government that is illadvised at best and has no intention of listening to the people of New Zealand and honoring either the Commonwealth, our nations founding documents letalone promote affordable health carw,housing or education from within our borders but instead assign the governing of our country to nameless, faceless foreign corporations
courtney	Not for the tppa it is far too dodgy and undermines my children and their children's future. Leave nz as it was before national came in to govt!
Harm Zuidmeer	We in Aotearoa are unique. Just like any other country in this world. People visit our county because it is unique. they come here to see our nature and taste our culture. I disagree with the TPPA because it will undermine the very core of what we are as a nation.
RobynJoy Heke	As a people of this Great Nation we have allowed Government to use democratic force upon us. We have allowed the government to use the form of Communism dictating to us our future. I would like to see John Keys removed from office
John.Morel	this is a bad deal for our country,many people around the world even some Government officals are against it and if it's so good for us why was it done without consultation with the public of NZ
paul Cattermole	Corporate power has too much influence over legal and political prcess
Barbara Baragwanath	It is nonsense that Professor Jane Kelsey is against trade agreements in general. She is highly intelligent, educated, informed, and has taken the time to look into every aspect, which our governments certainly has not been able to do. I support her views totally, as all thinking New Zealanders, with TIME TO THINK should be doing. Above all, I am afraid of corporations, such as Monsanto in America, forcing us to accept GE food, unproven as safe, and declined by right-thinking nations elsewhere, (industrial food is causing the epidemic of obesity and ill health), our government being sued if it doesn't comply, and the further erosion of our democracy and personal freedom of choice.
ALLAN LARDER	The loss of our sovereignty,the undermining of our democracy, and the decisions now made by corporates and outside influences,none of who have ordinary Kiwis interests at heart,are one more step taken by this Key led National party to disenfranchise the working man.
Harold Denton	NZ is a democracy which has been supported by my family since before the Treaty. For newcomers like John Key to attempt to subvert all that has been built up, in secrecy, for unknown ends is absolutely appalling. All real New Zealanders who have long term love for their country must not ratify. Long live the Democracy of New Zealand and its peoples.
Kumeroa Christine Te Amo	I am not in favor of any of the above. So NO to TPPA. I dont want to make an oral submission.
maggie	I consider the TPP to be a trade deal (not 'free) that will benefit large global corporations rather than the population of Aotearoa/New Zealand. Already there are signs that we the people are be sold out to overseas investors. Our dairy industry, it seems is the be all of our trade, which is not wise. NZ debt is soaring and we are no longer self sufficient thanks to the Neo-Liberal philosophy of the past thirty or so years of New Zealand governments. We have been turned into consumers to fund the global corporations...the 1%ers of the planet. Our democracy is being eroded and is being placed in the hands of those same global corporations, this is NOT a basic trade deal. Do not ratify the TPP M Wilkinson
Petra van den Munckhof	We live in a world embracing globalization for economic gain that also refuse to have international safeguards with any teeth to protect human rights. Powerful transnational corporations hold considerable power and place little value on ethical considerations . My main objection is the rights TPPA hands to these corporations that usurp democratic processes in New Zealand. pharmaceutical industry 'copyright and price control is anti competitive and will affect the poorest first. Access to affordable care including medicines is a basic right .tppa will trample over this and undermine years of work by pharmac to bring affordable medicines to nz

	The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. A new US administration (e.g. a Trump presidency) can renegotiate the agreement or add new terms and conditions using side-letters (a process with no public oversight or input. The TPPA was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret. There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed. The TPPA could result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits. Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Den Williams	The government needs to be of the people for the people,independent of trade interests and agreements
Naomi	→ The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to keep profits in New Zealand. → There are specific limits on policy making in areas such as investment screening, fiscal policy and economic development (through so-called "performance requirements"). → A party to the TPPA can dispute an interpretation or application of the agreement by another party; or can bring a dispute if it believes the benefits expected from the TPPA have been "nullified or impaired" by the actions of another party - even if the rules were not broken. → Investors can take claims to arbitration on the basis of alleged breaches of certain types of government contracts, something that New Zealand has never agreed to before. → There is no requirement that investors seek remedies in New Zealand courts first, before initiating a claim under the TPPA. → Decisions of domestic courts can be challenged under ISDS. There is no system of precedent and no appeal.
Daniel Rea	Why would you consider signing this when so many people are against it!! I can't bare the thought of paying more for medicine, etc! And what about the Treaty of Waitangi!!! Please don't be like the other countries!! That's why nz is unique!!! We're better than that!!!
Pearl Fungalei	We as peaceful people of this land are not wanting any of these things that the Government has purposed .I as an indigenous women of this land and my forefathers before me disagree in very shape and form of the TPPA
Nieta Geddis	I'm not happy with the forecast in job losses in the already tough New Zealand labour market. There are also reports that the forecast in growth for NZ from this secret deal are very low so why put the future of NZ in jeopardy?
Carl	What does it say about a country when they go into a trade agreement with a country that has only recently implemented Sharia law (Brunei, and yes - they behead and stone people to death for things like adultery, abortion, homosexuality/sodomy, and even blasphemy). Vietnam, which actively uses child slave labour in sweatshops. This is just the tip of the iceberg - but wouldn't it make more sense to put in place trade sanctions than trade agreements with these places. Then we have the US. As if the ridiculous internet bill that got passed in NZ on behalf of US corporate interests wasn't bad enough, now you want to open up our whole country to be controlled by corporate interests? All I hope is that Senator Bernie Sanders heads the US senate to block the bill before it gets to the final vote in NZ, because our National, ultra right wing government obviously doesn't really seem to care what a democracy is all about. Things like the TPP are not only illegal, but should only ever be passed using a process of transparency - followed by a binding referendum. Did I mention that the majority of the country is opposed to the agreement? What part of "we don't want this" do you guys not understand? Using a flag change referendum as a decoy is a pretty weak move... I've just come back from traveling, including parts of eastern Europe, and I've seen what this kind of legislation can do, when corporate interests take priority over public interest. It's not pretty, why would anyone want that? New Zealand is a great country, but our government seems intent on running it into the ground. There's no shame in turning back now, think of the kind of country you would like your own children to grow up in, and do the right thing.
Hendrikus De Vaan	I have a number of concerns, the main ones are: Loss of our democracy in that it will be corporations dictating to the government rather than the democratic process. The right of corporations to sue local businesses if they are affecting that corporation's profits. The loss of legal processes that are current under the Treaty of Waitangi.
Alan Gotlieb	

	19 February 2016 First and foremost thing I want to convey that I am NOT anti-free trade, but it has to be Free and Fair and the TPPA is not. 1) My researched evidence shows that the TPPA in its final state has been the brainchild of USA to underpin itself as a global leader against rising competition from China (and BRICS) and its own lagging as a dominant trading nation. The TPPA, with its sister Acts of TTIP and TISA are clearly centered on this notion. 2) Secondly, the secrecy of the negotiations that entitled multinational corporations access to, and writing of the text without any country being able to enable its citizens' rights and democracy to the same is an active abuse of corporate power over our sovereignty as a democratic nation. This is no more explicitly upheld via the inclusion of the ISDS clauses contained within the TPPA. 3) Prime Minister John Key spoke in parliament Feb 9th that ISDS clauses have been around for 30 years and NZ has not had any such case brought against them, let alone lost. That may be true for NZ; however there have been over 700 such cases involving over 100 countries and 52% of them have been awarded against the state. You may argue that the stats are fairly even, but what was the cost to these countries to defend their rights??? Furthermore, this approach to risk taking is akin to not insuring your house or contents because there has never been a house fire or burglary down your street. It is farcical FISCAL policy placing the New Zealand taxpayer at such risk. German judiciary has ruled that ISDS courts are not required. 4) In Parliament in 2015, Jerry Brownlie spoke of the value of TPPA being \$5b year on year, but MFAT now reports only \$2.7B by 2030. GDP is expected to rise by 47% regardless over that same period, and only to 47.9% with TPPA added. Independent analysis by multiple academics suggests this is even flattering. 5) The NZ Diary Industry, NZ's biggest exported \$16B of product globally in the 2014 year (record). TPPA countries were \$4.6B and stand to gain \$102m in reduced tariffs – the bulk of them in year 2030. This equates to 2.22% better return for NZ, however when measured against Global trade, it amounts to a mere 0.64% or \$0.053KgMS based on the 2014 trade and payout of \$8.40. Accordingly, if payout is only \$4.20, the return is only \$0.025KgMS. 6) Dairy Trade quotas remain for countries such as Canada, USA, and Japan. Japan for instance has a first come first served policy – meaning it could fill all its quota from USA and NZ not get a look in. This is very much on the cards as USA and Japan have partnered very strongly to dominate (Hijack) the TPPA in entirety. I for one cannot see Canada or USA needing to import NZ dairy product. 7) TPPA has no onus on any of the member nations to import our goods, and with quotas still in place, the 800m new consumers it a fantasy figure which is most likely to be unrealized. I shall cease my argument there, notwithstanding all the anti-sovereignty issues, patent and internet restrictions and proposed increases in medical costs combined with projected lost jobs TPPA will deliver to our proud and independent nation. Our nation, exporters, and citizens deserve to be told the truth. Yours faithfully, Nigel Kivell 99 Hill Road, RD1 NEW PLYMOUTH 4371
Nigel Kivell	
Ian Kirk	I do not want American corporations running our country and using our prime minister as a puppet. I do not want American corporations digging up our country to take advantage of our rich resources. I do not want TPPA!
Annette Joel	New Zealand's democracy has been completely undermined. This would have a very negative impact on numerous issues including but not limited to proper political process, public health, ISDS, lack of openness and transparency and most importantly environmental protection is to become even more threatened than it currently is. We are loosing our most important asset. I very strongly submit that the Government has NOT got the mandate to accept or proceed with this PPTA
George	TPPA should not be ratified in NZ !!!
Linda Hogan	TE TIRITI AND TPPA (Can the two even go together?) "With each instrument that it signs up to, the Crown has less freedom in how it can provide for and protect Māori, their tino rangatiratanga, and their interests in such diverse areas as culture, economic development and the environment." - Waitangi Tribunal, WAI-262, 2012 This statement says it all.
Ben Goudie-Park	I am against the TPPA. As a small business owner I am concerned about the effects of copyright, patents. Also concerned about the inability to stop foreign ownership of our land.
Paula Robb	I believe that CORRUPTION within our governments and systems need to STOP!!! It is the people who voted you in and it will be the people who will vote you out.... I am praying for a FAIR and JUST government and system for our country which seems to not be....as far as I'm concerned and it truly is a sad and frightening concern especially when our FUTURE GENERATIONS are at devastating risk....not forgetting us, the people, in the present of course.... All this secrecy and ongoing unprofessionalism and disrespect is a joke and an insult to us the people of Aotearoa, New Zealand.... Do the RIGHT THING and inform and ask us the people first and foremost please before acting and speaking on our behalf.... we have a right to know what is happening as it will impact our lives as well as our future generations..... After all.... what goes around will most definitely come back around.... all you politicians.
Deborah Godfrey	I do not believe this agreement will improve our children's future.

David	Stop this unpopular and undemocratic so called Trade deal, which in fact is a Corporate grab on the sovereignty of signing nations . The cost of medication will rise and people will suffer as a direct result . I do not like the idea of secret courts (ISDS) deciding on cases brought by greedy corporations suing our country for perceived loss of profits . This is a secretive deal which I believe will leave our country in a vulnerable position .
Annette Jacoba Geertrui Gerlich	After reading into the details of some of the parts of the TPPA, I do believe that this agreement will NOT benefit the average New Zealander, but rather the businesses. I also believe that the monetary gains will NOT outway the negative impact on our society as we know it. Therefore I am AGAINST New Zealand signing the TPPA. Yours Sincerely, A.J.G. Gerlich.
Glenis Batley	TPPA is of, by and for corporations only. It violates US Constitution as it will strip us of sovereignty. No individual or group will be able to stand up to marauding criminal corporations.
Ray Jack	The TPPA gives too much power to multinational companies to pursue monopoly rents.
Jennie	The loss of our identity as a "free" democratic country and what impact on life as we've known it the terrible TPPA will have on us. National have already sold us out and will continue to do so if this goes ahead. Why have they not listened to the people, plus the other countries that don't want a bar of it????
Jenni	I have been labelled by the Prime Minister, along with tens of thousands of others, as a 'rent a demo' and someone who does not know what I am talking about. However, I am not ignorant. If I am vague about the details around the TPP it is because this government has kept them secret from me until now. My vagueness does not mean the TPP is good. There are a lot of things that do not sit right with me regarding the TPPA, but let me touch on just one. The Investor State Dispute Settlement is an undemocratic process designed to bully any government that dares to legislate in any way that might impact on corporate profits. I do not want to see my country's social and environmental protections undermined for the profits of a few. NZ should not even consider signing any agreement that threatens to undermine our sovereignty and our responsibilities to te tiriti o Waitangi, or curbs our ability to legislate to protect our own environment. We have already seen corporates influencing NZ politics in dodgy ways, eg with Hollywood giants pressuring changes to NZ labour laws. This can only get worse. When even the TPP treaty negotiation minister himself admits it is less than ideal, why are we even having this conversation? I do not want to swallow Tim Groser's dead rat.
Mathew Shaw	I am deeply concerned and against the TPPA. There are so many issues that I have with it, I'm unsure where to start. ISDS is crippling countries around the globe already. I want my tax \$ spent on improving NZs social standards rather than on fighting court battles against evil corporations in foreign court's. I want to continue to fight for our environment and want our govt to not be sued for placing environmental sanctions. I want to continue to enjoy good health and subsidised medicines. The TPPA will affect the treaty of Waitangi and I believe in keeping our word with previous treaties. I want internet privacy and increasing minimum wages. I want people power, democracy and soverenty, I don't want to have to fight corporations to save our environment, wages, health etc. This wastes so much of my time and emotional energy. I want to be able to trust my government that I've voted for to be in control of our New Zealand and her assets. The TPPA seems to have very little benefit for NZ whilst opening a huge door to screw us over. This has happened already in other countries (plain package tobacco lawsuit) lets keep NZs issues in NZ court's. Sincerely Mathew Shaw
jade	I believe the very word "secrecy" is repugnant in a free and open society; and we are as a people inherently and historically opposed to secret societies, to secret oaths and to secret proceedings. We decided long ago that the dangers of excessive and unwarranted concealment of pertinent facts far outweighed the dangers which are cited to justify it. Even today, there is little value in opposing the threat of a closed society by imitating its arbitrary restrictions. Even today, there is little value in insuring the survival of our nation if our traditions do not survive with it. And there is very grave danger that an announced need for increased security will be seized upon by those anxious to expand its meaning to the very limits of official censorship and concealment. That I do not intend to permit to the extent that it is in my control. And no official, whether his rank is high or low, civilian or military, should interpret my words here tonight as an excuse to censor the news, to stifle dissent, to cover up our mistakes or to withhold from the press and the public the facts they deserve to know.

bert messent	To the prime minister hon john key my submission is written in objection to TPPA because of the lack of consultation given to Maori iwi in formulating this free trade agreement under the treaty of waitangi Maori have the right to be consulted if things could impact on that treaty , which it will not only is there no consultation with iwi but also nothing with the general population of New Zealand which hinders everybody else's rights . The wholesale lack of the Democratic procedures for all of new Zealanders which in turn takes away our democratic right to really know what's going on with this TPPA and impedes on our sovereignty secret deals behind closed doors Mr prime minister?. The possible empowerment of big corporate companies to take over our country Big brother is coming . those are some of my concerns and why I'm objecting to TPPA Bert Messent.
Jamal Pakinga	I believe the TPPA will ruin our economy in so many ways!!!
Kevin Brewer	There are some terrible provisions in this that will ruin this country and it's people
Joanne Stenning	We do not need overseas corporate, business and political people exerting control over our country, our well being and our culture. Our own PM isn't doing a great job. We need someone to listen to the people and do what is right.
brandon stronge	We should be distancing our self from US right now until there government issues get sorted!!! and very much supporting Russia and China forge a new world via AIIB and BRICS
anne smith	bigger isn't better - under existing trade deals and encouragement to make and buy locally, New Zealand could have all the resources and wealth required - it is a matter of equity - already the influence of inequity is costing those who are most vulnerable and this legislation risks changes for these same people, those not insulated by power and wealth
Singhal	I am worried about an apparently shortsighted deal that focusses solely on business opportunities
Scott Armstrong	I don't believe this business deal to be in the bst interests of the people of AotearoaNZ. Corporate personhood and strengthening the powers of corporate interests over the rights of a people is abhorrent and wrong.
Ataria Sharman	Dear Parliament I believe the most important thing in New Zealand is 'he tangata, he tangata, he tangata'. The people of New Zealand should be our priority. Not increasing the economy and exporting. Not increasing the profits of New Zealand owned and international corporations/businesses. I have read expert articles by Professors from Universities throughout New Zealand that disagree with what the New Zealand government has been saying around the costs and benefits of the TPPA. Loss of sovereignty is a real issue under the TPPA for the following reasons. Firstly the TPPA can only come into force following completion of domestic processes by the US, Japan and several other larger parties. Secondly countries that sign the TPPA but do not ratify immediately may be required to make additional concessions. The TPPA also provides cumulative opportunities for foreign states and corporations to influence domestic decisions. In a nutshell this means that it will be harder for future governments to make decisions that are right for their people, the ones who live in New Zealand who vote them into power. Parliament should only be accountable to the New Zealanders who vote for them, not international corporations who are not New Zealanders and do not vote in general elections. The TPPA directly conflicts with the Treaty of Waitangi and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Crown's prior commitment to the Maori of New Zealand having the right to self-government and political autonomy as is clearly outlined in the Treaty of Waitangi should have informed the negotiation of the TPPA. 'With each instrument that it signs up to, the Crown has less freedom in how it can provide for and protect Maori, their tino rangatiratanga, and their interests in such diverse areas as culture, economic development and the environment.' (Waitangi Tribunal, WAI-262, 2012). Furthermore the economic model of the TPPA is based on trade liberalisation and privileged rights for foreign investors which absolutely goes against the values of Maori economic development that is built around a commitment to environmental sustainability and tino rangatiratanga. I strongly believe this is the wrong choice for New Zealand. I implore the government to reconsider the future of New Zealand and the legacy that they leave behind for future generations. I don't believe any politician wants to be the one to have to tell their grandchildren that they signed away their sovereignty to international, profit-driven corporations and that this is now the reason that medicine costs and patent times have increased and why the Government is being sued by corporations under the TPPA (ISDS) for making morally correct decisions for the the people of New Zealand. Please do the right thing. Kind regards, Ataria Rangipikitia Sharman

	<p>Investing: The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to keep profits in New Zealand. Democracy: It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret. There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed. Medical: The worry was that drug companies would invent new treatments but be allowed to keep the recipe to themselves for many years. That would prevent competition and allow them to keep prices much higher. Environment & Climate: under the TPP, governments would lose autonomy to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would gain new powers to challenge climate and environmental policies. Economic Benefits: It will have economic benefits for New Zealand, but those benefits are minimal, especially given the trade-off.</p>
Frances Willems	I strongly disagree with the notion that because of the TPPA large multinational corporations will soon be able to bring their oligopolies into New Zealand and other countries involved, with even less risk for them given the ISDS clause.
Rowan Blundell	
Tim Jones	<p>There is so much about the TPPA that needs to be discussed in the open so that Kiwis can make a decision about how the TPPA will effect us and future generations. There is more than enough evidence to suggest that the TPPA is not worth the risks that have been recognised. Economic growth is not the silver bullet that government and big business thinks it is. We would be better off examining how the finance and banking systems could be revolutionised rather than spending time on free trade deals.</p>
John Bowden	I am against the unilateral signing without due consultation with the New Zealand Public.
	<p>In the words of Carwyn Jones, 'The TPPA will hamper the ability of future governments to develop Treaty of Waitangi-consistent law and policy in these areas.' 'The government appears to believe all it needs to do is insert an inadequate Treaty of Waitangi Exception and that absolves it of having to meet its Treaty obligations. The Crown's approach is a breach of the Treaty in itself', according to Professor Jane Kelsey (http://itsourfuture.org.nz/expert-paper-on-tppa-treaty-of-waitangi). ISDS may excessively curtail New Zealand's autonomy to regulate its own affairs, especially in the areas of human rights, environmental protection and public health (Bianca Mueller http://itsourfuture.org.nz/the-devil-in-the-tppa-investor-state-dispute-settlement). The provisions relating to biologics are problematic and ambiguous. They appear to commit countries to providing either eight years of clinical trial data protection, or five years of clinical trial data protection along with other measures to deliver comparable outcomes. While the Australian Government has said that the regime for biologics in Australia will not change, the language leaves room for continued pressure by the United States to ensure that TPP countries prevent biosimilars from entering the market for eight years. The definition of biologics is very broad and likely to limit countries' flexibility in determining the scope of the obligation. A review by the TPP Commission of both the length and scope of protection after ten years provides a further mechanism for US pressure to expand and extend monopolies on expensive biologics (http://www.nzno.org.nz/get_involved/campaigns/tppa). The financial, legal and policy ramifications of the TPP are enormous. Each of these domains are integrally related to health in ways which are complex and potentially difficult to predict. This makes an imperfect knowledge of the future one of the greatest challenges for New Zealand's TPP negotiators. The devastating health effects of tobacco have only become apparent in recent decades. Researchers continue to explore and identify potentially devastating health harming issues. Yet the TPP is expected to be binding for signatories into the future. Even if a tobacco 'safe harbour' was included there would be no such provision for health hazards yet unknown (http://www.nyesinstitute.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/NyesReviews_TPP.pdf).</p>
Paula Clark	
Paul James Jones	I have a strong disapproval of the tppa a being implemented because of its impact on elected government by corporate entities and the flow on effect to individual citizens rights.
	<p>The TPPA has the power to further widen the gap between those who can afford to live well and those who can hardly afford to live at all. Extending copyright on medicines will make a big impact on all New Zealanders who need to take medicines, and to all of us, as more money is required to be put into Pharmac, which then can't be spent elsewhere. I really care about our country and our environment, but big businesses, especially those based abroad, have little consideration for those things. With the ISDS they will be able to penalise actions our country takes to protect itself, it's people and it's environment. This will mean New Zealand will need to spend money on penalties instead of things that really matter, like health care, education and feeding our kids. There are not enough proven benefits from the TPPA for the hard working individuals and families, to outweigh the costs that are very real; to our lifestyles, our ability to stay well or get well, our environment. And if you sign this agreement, there will be no way to un-sign it. So once the worries that so many have about the TPPA start to be realised, no-one will be able to do anything about it. Do you want to be responsible for that kind of legacy?</p>
Jane George	

Mandy Hager	I have grave concerns about this agreement. I believe it will stymie local initiatives developed for the good of the NZ public and hand the power of decision-making to lobbyists, corporate entities and secret tribunals. It totally undermines our democratic process and disenfranchises elected governments' abilities to pass laws beneficial to the people. It does not protect our environment sufficiently, nor the rights of our Treaty partners, Maori. The impact on copyright, pharmaceuticals, Internet freedom and privacy and, in fact, all realms of our sovereign state, will see us held to ransom by global corporations who have no interest in the wellbeing of ordinary New Zealanders. I consider your ratification of it an act of trespass on the rights of all NZers, and urge you to step away while we still have the chance.
Debbie	As a mother of a child with high Heath needs and a cancer survivor myself, signing this agreement would mean we would not be able to afford the medications we require
Alex	Just another short sighted act in a failing political system
Dr Hayley Lawrence	I am totally against the TPPA for numerous reasons, the most pressing I have outlined below. TPPA puts us at risk of being sued by multi-national corporations. It is inconceivable why the Government would put us at such risk! It will affect our democratic rights and ability to pass laws for public good (especially health) and the good of our environment. That is totally unacceptable! I have a PhD in Conservation Genetics and I am passionate about conservation and the environment. Taking better care of our environment is essential to our survival. I am very surprised to hear that climate change is not even mentioned in TPPA. Climate change is a crucial issue that must be at the forefront of international agreements such as TPPA. The focus of the TPPA on the private interests of foreign investors rather than public interest in ecological sustainability is unacceptable. I am very concerned about the impact of TPPA on Tino Rangatiratanga and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The Hapū of my partner and children have in the last few years settled their claim and are entering the post-settlement phase. I work for our Post-settlement Governance Entity. We want to be optimistic and work towards improving the lives of our people as Hapū, with a bright future. Agreements like TPPA are undermining that. It is difficult for us to move forward when the Government is disregarding rights under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the promises they have made in our settlements. Once again, consultation has been inadequate and the National Government are not listening to the concerns of their Treaty partner. I urge the government to honour Te Tiriti and not sign the TPPA. Ka whawhai tonu mātau, mō ake tonu atu
John Hayward	I am not against the trade agreement just what this government has put on the table to trade in secrecy against the population of New Zealanders that it is going to affect especially when what is up for trade are things our tax paying dollars should be spent on. Who signs a contract without knowing what's in it ?, let alone sign it on behalf of a nation without anyone else's knowledge. If this has been the norm practice in the past then things definitely need to change by allowing the public the right to debate and concur on any issues that include them during a trade deal. Misuse of the tax payers money is a crime, setting up loop holes to cover this activity is a crime and signing or tampering with someone else's things without their knowledge is a crime. Our rights to health care and child welfare or anything our tax money pays for should have never been put on the trade deal for negotiation in the first place, they have nothing to do with trade. NZ has always been known for helping the needy not the greedy and if corporate slavery comes into the mix then God save us all.
Donna Johnson	This is not a process to empower the people of NZ, after all you politicians are supposed to represent what is best about and for us. You may think we don't matter now that you're in a powerful position but we put you there and we can take it away! What would your mother think of your blatant disregard to insure the future of our land and its inhabitants? Your policies are not ours, listen to us when we say HELL NO TO TPPA. other countries are not happy pull your head out of your arse and stand up for US!!!!
Kyla Timms	I am opposed to the TPPA as I have serious concerns about many aspects, especially a loss of power for the citizens and implications for New Zealand to lose the ability to rule for the environment. I consider that this is giving too much power to corporations. This is not about what is best for the people and environment of this country.
Teresa Schulz	How can NZ call ourselves a democratic society when such a tiny number of individuals who have gained their position by such a slim majority, have ALL the say in what we as people want? We were NOT consulted, NOT given a chance to debate it openly in a binding referendum, and ignored in our concerns for such a major treaty which will lock in future governments to its decisions and basically commit future generations of kiwis to corporate slavery. The TPPA is NOT about trade. It is about corporate control, and the actions of greedy corporations is to blame for most of what is wrong with the planet today. There is no hope of a prosperous future for any country while the elite 1% keeps draining the lifeblood from the rest of the struggling population. Bribery and corruption must be cut out like the cancer it is. Don't let this travesty of justice come to fruition. No bigger mistake will be made by a government in New Zealand's history!
Bevan Warren	If it is so great why is it so secret.

Trevor Reid	To whom it may concern, I'd like to add my voice to the groundswell of public opposition to the TPPA. This whole process is undemocratic, not in New Zealand's best interests and a pretty solid bad idea. I don't oppose trade deals but I do oppose several areas of this one and have the highest concern about the detrimental effect that it will have on New Zealand, particularly around how it could very easily, negatively impact our health system, sovereignty and via the corporate trade clauses, the ISDS in particular, the ability for New Zealand to retain full control over our legal and sovereign identity. Please do not go ahead with the deal as it stands, it needs major amendments that safeguard our country. Thanks. Trevor. Concerned New Zealand citizen.
bob padlie	too many backdoors, bring it out into the open
B Bemd	The loss of our sovereignty The impact on the treaty of Waitangi The threat to climate action and environment
Rosie Sievers	The TPPA has instilled in me a deep sense of discomfort. I worry about the negative effects on our country, our environment, our children and their futures if the agreement does pass. Even more than any future effects this discomfort arises from the gross breach of democracy that the entire process has so far been. What is democracy but a word when such agreements are negotiated and signed without any discussion or council with the people whom the governments decisions should represent..
Christine Gingles	The threat to climate action and the threat to our environment. What becomes of the Treaty of Waitangi? What cost will incur to the public regarding public health and medicines? Will we be another "America" where monetary gains are put before human costs?
Erin Dent	1.ISDS failure to use NZ Courts for problems involving NZ. If people want to trade with us, there should be NZ representatives on ISDS panels (now called internationals Courts) to balance the decision making power. 2.I personally have had a medication change and TPP is not even here yet. A drug I had taken for 3 years was replaced and there was a noticeable efficacy change in the new drug. The one thing that many taxpayers expect is to have health care provided. It takes many thousands of patients to train every junior doctor, to expose them to all the possible diagnosis they must be skilled at treating. This social contract of being guinea pigs has not changed in centuries. It is up to the government to collect enough taxes to pay for this, not to limit service because select groups (including many doctors who are stakeholders in charitable trust hospitals) refrain from paying due tax. 3.Corporate power and influence will reach an inevitable point of diminishing return. Eventually there will not be enough patients, a bit like China not having enough females or young workers due to its' one child policy. The pot will boil dry one day. These short sighted measures to grasp at an unsustainable profit level for Corporations will result in much more human misery and then the Corporations will be destroyed through war or resistance. If you think people are angry now wait until TPP is instigated. It's akin to the primary school bully growing up and ending up in prison. When first his wicked ways were protected by law, eventually society refused to put up with his behavior as he ages and a greater level of mature behaviour was expected. You may defer the inevitable in all these spheres but you will not stop it.
anne marsh	I disagree with signing the TPPA agreement. I call upon all our elected representatives to rethink their position and refuse to ratify this agreement. It gives too much power to those outside our country and from my reading, delivers very little in return. I'm afraid for the ramifications further down on the line for those not earning well and for the helpless. The future of the children, the ill, the old in this country needs to be protected. They need to be able to afford medical care. I'm worried about the lack of autonomy we will have in the future and how incidents that are already occurring in other places in the world, where governments are sued by big corporations when those governments are attempting to care for their people. Plain wrapping for cigarettes and Australia is just one example. Corporations have enormous influence in what happens in American politics. We mustn't allow them in so easily, and this policy is by holding the door open and saying please influence us as much as you like with threats of suing, promises of money to those favourable candidates etc. Perhaps this is already happening here, but with this policy they can come in quite openly, as they do in America and influence our policies to favour them. Our environment will suffer. Mining our seas and land will expand rapidly. The companies involved in mining here already have poor track records for safety throughout the rest of the world. the worst case scenario is that they will mine us until our waters and land are polluted and our water undrinkable, without us ever being able to stop them, or they will sue us. as a citizen of this little country, I'm very concerned and will be voting for those who appose this move. Anne Marsh (teacher)
Florence Falconer	The people of New Zealand should be in full democratic control of the laws, policies, economy and environment in this country. It is our home and not for sale to advantage the global corporates or to boost the prime ministers brand on the world stage. Start listening to the people!!!
kaden hall	It would be a disgusting disagrees to out country if this went ahead when the REAL people of NZ have already shown they oppose it. Where is the government that is meant to advocate for the people and not the rich corporate slave drivers

Matthew Templar	A country as small as New Zealand thinking that it will be able to defend its position against the scale of US Pharma and Food Corporations is naiive in the extreme. NZ has everything to lose for a prospective gain that is too small. The TPPA will represent the interests of a tiny minority, with the vast majority paying for it. The TPPA will be the most damaging incident to the New Zealand economy since the UK joining the common market.
bob burke	No trade agreement written in private without consultation is legal if we actually live in a functioning democracy.
peter van sabben	I oppose this corporate coup that is not in the interest of common people. All "advantages" will come to the corporates and all disadvantages, of which there are many, are socialised. It is not democratic, it is turbo capitalism gone mad!
Desmond Ripi	We need leaders with transparency
Iain Whitaker	The government has lied about the contents of the TPPA since I first heard about it. And now that we have the text have had our experts analise it we know what to expect and the news is all bad. The TPPA is not in the best interest for New Zealand and in fact makes a giant leap in removing the power of our democratic system by handing it over to private, predominantly international entities. Perhaps the worst part is that after being caught out with their pre-text disclosure lies about the TPPA the government continues to lie to the people of New Zealand. Pure lies about the TPPA with no fear of being held accountable for these lies. Iain Whitaker
Lisa Er	Our country is already heavily influenced by transnational corporations. The TPPA will make it worse and as you can see with the tobacco giants, these companies are litigious. ISDS will impact on the general population as the country becomes poorer. Since Veolia has sued the Egyptian government for raising the minimum wage, I predict disaster for our many financially poor people, the health system, the education system and all areas of government expenditure.
Taya Wils	We could be sued by foreign multinational corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. It will have great impact on our public health and medicines and life-saving medicines will become more expensive. We are beholden to the US with next to no public oversight or say. This is anti-democratic! I am absolutely against ISDS, because it places the investors above the laws of our country!
Ans van Sabben-de Wolf	I oppose the ratification of the TPPA. There are too many hidden hurdles in the 6000 pages of this trade deal. Corporations have made sure that their interests will rule over the laws of a country. The price of medicines will go up with less competition. There is no mention of climate action which worries me the most!
Tiaki Tamepo	I oppose the TPPA for the issues I have selected above but also for all the issues of concern that I couldn't (because I could only select three). The country is being sold from beneath our feet, the future for our children is already a major concern, and I believe that this deal will only add to making it worse. The interests of the people are no longer a concern it is more about profits, profits , profits for what seems to be a select few. This does not include Maori, middle class, or the lower. I do believe in making and creating your own success but on an even playing field, and with this deal I do not believe that in most cases that playing field will no longer exist. It is already so marginalized that the NZ dream is and will remain what it is, just a dream.
Morehu Rameka	The government has lied about the contents of the TPPA since I first heard about it. And now that we have the text have had our experts analise it we know what to expect and the news is all bad. The TPPA is not in the best interest for New Zealand and in fact makes a giant leap in removing the power of our democratic system by handing it over to private, predominantly international entities. Perhaps the worst part is that after being caught out with their pre-text disclosure lies about the TPPA the government continues to lie to the people of New Zealand. Pure lies about the TPPA with no fear of being held accountable for these lies. Morehu Rameka
Grace Coffey	I'm only 20, and I may not understand much about trade agreements, but I do know about human behaviour. And if the government expected the People to be happy with this agreement, they would have given us a vote and a voice in the decision making. Secret meetings and closed voting are the things you do when you know the people you represent won't agree with what you're doing. It's the age old 'better to ask forgiveness than ask permission' and everyone is seeing right through it. Perhaps this trade agreement would truly be good for New Zealand. I don't know, and I don't care. If I have to protest and fight and demand for the right to have a voice in the democracy I believed I was part of, then I want NOTHING to do with this agreement. If its first action, before it's even become law, is to take away my voice, then I don't want it. You cannot just mute thousands of people because you don't think they know what they're talking about. That's not your job. Your job is to be OUR representative. You are to be OUR voice. And if what you are saying and doing is contrary to what we are saying and doing, then you are failing. You cannot treat the people of an entire country as if they are children who will not understand the conversation taking place at the adult table. We're not children. We are not beholden to YOU. YOU are beholden to US. You are biting the hand that feeds, and we're running out of patience.

Rob Boyce	I worry about the huge influence The US Government, (not its people), has on the globe. Particularly given that their idea of democracy is 'what suits them at whatever cost', and is far removed from what democracy actually should be! I strongly believe The New Zealand government, should, first and foremost, be looking after its own people, and be accountable to the people, as real democracy demands. With regard to the TPPA, information about it, and public debate needs to be addressed.
Magtanggol Custodio	TPPA is a legalized/sanitized mafia operation of the global corporate vampires who hide under the "legal mantle" of laws enacted in collusion with their paid political werewolves for the sole purpose of profit and more profit.
Mike	The loss of our sovereignty. The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations)
Luana Wikitoria Paki	Our democratic rights are being denied by John Keys signing the TPPA which he already has done with no consideration of those of us who do not want this for New Zealand our people our land our rights
Susan m. Anderson	New Zealand is a unique country and as such should not be subject to the laws and policies of other nations in our own land.
Kenneth Simpson	I am concerned that this treaty will be damaging to this country in the same way that the North American Free Trade Agreement signed in 1994 has severely impacted on all countries that signed it, especially with loss of jobs and downgrading of jobs and wages. I am concerned that the Investor State Dispute Settlement process will cost New Zealand dearly. I note that European countries have excluded it from consideration in the TTIP agreement, as have some signatories to the TPPA. For some reason, perhaps corporate political influence, the New Zealand government has decided to leave the ISDS provisions in the TPPA that it signed. I am concerned at the impact of the TPPA and ISDS on this country's sovereignty and ability to legislate, particularly where climate change, public health and child poverty are concerned.
Carole	The TPPA is wrong and bad for New Zealand on every point, It is solely for corporates, and not people. Increasing profits by no controls on products which have been proven to be bad for our health, eg tobacco. Also oestrogen mimics, disrupters, sugar , pesticides etc etc. These moves are immoral, we must retain the right to inform the public of these harmful substances, and withdraw them from sale. u gar
Caitlin iles	I am worried about the future of our country if we continue to ignore the impact global warming is having. I want there to be great change made in the following years so New Zealand can secure its title as a leading country in forward thinking. What is also of great concern to me is how will the signing of the TPPA act effect my future as a registered nurse? will i be expected to work lots for less money? will i be going to work and having 10+ patients per shift? how will this impact the patients i am caring for? I urge you to really consider what is the best for not just the country but every single individual living in this country. Because New Zealand truly is an amazing country but i am scared for what the future brings. thank you.
emily sultan	no no no
Sue Bridgeman	We do not want our human rights taken from us.
Lynleigh black	As a NZ voter I feel we are being dismissed with our concerns about the ttpa agreement.
Megan Gallacher	There can be no doubt that there are risks associated with any trade agreement. Are these risks worth a mere 1% rise in GDP? The answer is obviously no. At the very least, please act like a democratic parliament and hold a referendum. I think you'll find that the majority of New Zealanders don't want you to expose our country to unnecessary risk for very little gain.
Robin Harris	I am not apposed to the principle of free trade. What I do not like is secret deals. I am concerned that the TPPA has the potential to take power from the people(our right to make the choices best for us) and empower the corporations. The PPTA appears to be less about free trade and more about corporate power and greed. Another thing that concerns me is the absence of level playing fields among participating countries.....wages ?...costs for business eg property valuations/mortgage repayments.
Caytie Hogan	If I could put this simply we are our own country and as such we should be able to make our own rules and regulations as we see fit for the benefit of our citizens. I for one am appalled that this agreement does not address climate change at all. Should we not want mining or franking or anything that is harmful to our environment we will not have a say. This is not democracy. We all know that there will be those among us who will suffer health wise. Pharmac may not be perfect but it works for us. I cannot be put in a position where I would have to choose which medicines I take to keep me alive are more important. Nor should my children or grandchildren have to be put in this position. Lastly I would like to point out that this agreement does not benefit our country at all. Is is a new form of corporate greed that is untenable to a thinking New Zealander

silas	i disagree with all aspect of the people losing power, we the people need to have our voices heard. we dont want TPPA. Its Not right for NZ, we need to make our own decision for our country. we are giving up our sovereignty, medics will cost more, and its poor for our farmers.
Katy	The TPPA has been kept so secretive from the country and decisions have been made without consulting the country. We are supposed to be a democracy and have a say in anything to do with our country, yet this TPPA has left the average every day New Zealander wondering how it will affect them and their growing families. It is a joke and will affect every single Kiwi out there in more ways than one. I do not believe this is a necessary step for our country to take, as there are many MANY other areas that the government's time and money could be focused to improve the lives of everyday New Zealanders. There is clearly a reason the government has kept something as big as this a secret from us Kiwi's and it makes you think what else they are keeping a secret and what they are plotting behind our backs. It's time to stand up for our future and fight this.
Doug Allen	You are going to ruin this country in the long term for your short term thinking on this. Listen, For Gods Sake, to what The People are saying. That is what you are in power to do - to listen to the people then carry out our wishes! Nobody wants this TPPA. Do the right thing by us please!
John Shears	The secrecy around the 6,000 more or less pages and the promotion of the TPPA being a FREE TRADE treaty when it is not really annoys me. Whilst NZ does practice Free Trade and has done for some years at least Japan & USA in my understanding will not do so under this treaty. Rice & Beef in Japan's case and Dairy in USA's additionally USA is paying farmers subsidies to grow preferred crops. .
Joan Elizabeth Manson	I am exceedingly concerned that New Zealand, a country well renowned for its open democratic style and its strength in standing up to the pressures put on it by other countries, is even considering ratifying an agreement that will rob it of its democratic rights and allow corporations of other countries to put it a position of being sued. This is a nonsense and I am surprised New Zealand has come to have a government that is prepared to sign away its sovereignty. The loss of our sovereignty, the undermining of our democracy and ability of corporations to sue us are not part of free trade. Hence the TPPA is not a free trade agreement and New Zealand should have nothing to do with it. Apart from the issues mentioned above I have many other concerns. My husband and I both need daily medicine. John Key says we won't have to pay more - it will be covered by taxes. Where exactly does John Key think taxes come from? The money being used to prop up the prices of medicines under the TPPA could be used in so many more positive ways. Overcoming child poverty or even paying off some of the \$116 billion debt this thoughtless government has got us into. Apart from that there are many other issues that concern me. The Treaty of Waitangi and what the TPPA will really mean to Maori, climate change and the environment. the impact it will have on our use of the internet. There is a growing international move against the TPPA and TPIP in many other countries. I trust it will continue to grow and that the whole world will stand up to show democracy has more power than corporations and money grabbing institutions. Joan Manson
Carolyn Ramsay	How dare you even think of signing our rights away. New Zealanders do not want this. It is not in the interest of our beautiful country to get involved in this ridiculous agreement.
Ben Runciman	To all who have a dream for New Zealand peace. This is the moment to stand and be heard to stand over fear and to let your voice ring clear. This agreement is about control and as such it is an agreement about "what is the price of our peace". When a law comes into power that lets others control our people we must say "not on our watch" not when I have the power to stand and be heard. Our fathers died to give us the freedoms that we have taken for granted. Let us not sell the rights to freedom that were paid for in the blood of our fathers. Ben Runciman.
Janice Collins	The above concern me greatly. I am already struggling, and in no way feel that I am in a democracy. If this agreement is signed I foresee more hardship for our citizens. I am against the signing all the way!
Flynn Letford	The idea that companies will have power over our country and laws is quite frankly disgusting!
Klaus Pierstorff	undemocratic process! make the text understandable to ALL
judy richardson	Multinational corporations already have the power to starve local workers of a living wage while they shamelessly grow their profits. I believe the TPPA will further increase the wealth of the small percentage of the worlds massively rich, at the expense of the growing poor and society as a whole.
Debra Searchfield	I don't want international corporations to be able to sue NZ.

Regan O'keefe	We are going to lose our own right / speech for this country. We are the people who are caring not only themselves but also our next generation.
John Axe	Hi, It is with regret that I am compelled to write this message but after study the contents of the TPPA agreement published I can not agree in good conscious to New Zealand entering into this agreement as I believe it: 1) Removes too much control from the New Zealand government and people when it comes to them making decisions and managing their own country. 2) It is biased in favour of the big corporate companies and has clauses that are totally unacceptable from a freedom of trade perspective. 3) I do not believe it is something we The New Zealand business community needs to survive in the global economy, and in fact, I believe it will become detrimental. 4) If the New Zealand government is hell bent on signing this treaty then part of the final sign off / ratification process should be a people's referendum where EVERY individual in New Zealand gets the opportunity to vote on whether the treaty should be signed or not. This is such a major issue with such long-term consequences that it should not just be left to the politicians to decide it should be put to a national referendum that lets all the people decide on whether new Zealand as a whole should proceed down such a dangerous path from a trade perspective. Yours Sincerely John N Axe
Eric Luo	Deals and negotiations that impact citizens should be open to the public and be subject to the democratic process, especially if the consequences are paid for with taxpayers' money.
Andy Hooley	The National Government have knowingly pursued this inappropriately named trade agreement without the full consultation of the New Zealand public. This agreement is forcing New Zealand into a corporate run society where individual rights will be stripped away. I do not want to pay more for medicines, I do not want chemical companies forcing more GE food into New Zealand and forcing their agendas towards lack of food labelling which is already taking place. I do not want to hear that a corporation is suing the NZ Government over an issue that affects their 'future' profits. I do not want uncontrolled overseas investment and buying of NZ land and assets. The path that this agreement leads New Zealand down is one of continued wealth separation that only benefits corporations and high earners. The decision not to pursue this will be shown in history to be the greatest pivotal point for NZ. Furthermore, the term 'rent-a-crowd' towards TPPA protesters by John Key is derogatory and ignorant and is purposely down playing this to the media. The television and radio media coverage of the TPPA protests have been woefully one-sided, and don't represent the true picture of the intense feeling of disgust with lack of transparency and consultation. The whole situation is being forced upon us by corporations for the betterment of these corporations. NO TO TPPA.
Terry Kane	I don't want oversea to control our country. Don't want USA control our country.
Helen Howard	I don't think the TPPA will be good for New Zealanders. I am opposed to it.
Stacey Cammock	Corporations should NOT have more power than the government or the people. I see no good reasons at all as to why the TPPA should go ahead, not one!
Paul Thomas	All New Zealanders should have affordable health carer and medication, which we will not have under TPPA.
Sharon Williams	The state tht America is in will reflect on our beautiful nz we want the freedom to choose how when & why not to have our rights taken from us
Emma Wilson	Short sighted and extremely unkiwi!
Dheepa Nedungat	The TPPA is shortsighted - it may open up options for businesses to expand and increase profits, but the long term costs have not been prioritised. Why would we want any corporate to have a say on how policy is determined in NZ - corporates are only after maximising profit. Why would any government consider profit over the well being and authenticity of the people's voice? The basis for the TPPA is cheap business tactics - it is not aligned to who we are as New Zealanders.
Graham Falla	The public has not been kept informed of the details of this process well enough to establish trust.
Denise rowe	There is no democratic consultation over this TPPA issue. We the people are being blindsided. I refuse to support TPPA.

Te Mania O'Rourke	I am against big overseas companies being able to sue the New Zealand government for millions in damages if New Zealand do not abide by new laws governing offshore investments. I am against the TPPA making medicines more expensive as big pharmaceutical companies gain more influence over PHARMAC, and restrictions are placed on generic medicines. I am against TPPA influencing Copyright laws such as: restricting internet freedom and access to information, costing libraries, schools, and businesses, and stifling innovation. I am against the TPPA making policy decisions like the privatisation of state assets that would be effectively locked in, and public interest policies such as measures to discourage smoking would be subject to strong legal challenges. Defending these laws can be extremely costly, and waste state resources. I am against the TPPA providing a pathway for Foreign banks, insurance companies and money traders to gain more powers to challenge laws designed to prevent another financial crisis; and overseas property dealers could contest moves to burst the property bubble, such as a capital gains tax.
Marian Shore	I am extremely concerned about the loss of rights of the 'ordinary' person. Where corporates have more power than the individual is completely against human rights. To negotiate this deal in private only proves that you are ashamed of what you are doing. You should be filled with abashment! Marian
mary steens	The biggest problem with this has been the procedure in which this has been decided and signed without nz citizens having any say or given the infomation of what it is about and the implications of it all
Davina Mihaka	I will support the TPP this must not go ahead. There are more Cons and no Pros
jenny kalaugher	NZ should not sign up to the TPPA. The soothing noises made by Mr Key have not addressed the very real consequences effects of signing. These include corporate power being used to bully democratic governments into submitting to their agendas or spending millions of tax payers dollars in litigation. Classic current example is that of Big tobacco companies threatening legal action on account of the NZ government (us) wanting to legislate that plain packaging of cigarettes be bought in. It is bad enough now but with the vastly diminished rights to protect our sovereignty and democracy under TPPA, the NZ government would have to buckle, or bankrupt the country fighting or make another secret deal to make them back off. Note the agrihub and sheep deal. Blackmailing, wealthy individuals and corporations don't stop once they have their hooks in. If the choice means we are the ' poor cousin' to the 'big boys', so be it as I value our dignity, sovereignty and independence as priceless.
Deborah Prince	I am vehemently opposed to the TPP as it offers minimal trade advantages versus enormous loss of democratic freedoms. NZ will lose the freedom to prioritise NZ people & NZ enviromental and NZ social issues as more important than multinational corporations profits. This is not a hypothetical agrument - these cases are taking place all over the world, right now. In Australia, in Germany and in America, governments are being forced into expensive litigation with corporations who are suing them for loss of profits due to legislative decisions in favour of public health and enviromental concerns. And who foots the bill for those legal battles - the taxpayers do. The NZ government is elected "by the people, for the people". The NZ government's ability to act in the interests of NZ people will be seriously compromised by the TPP. There is no way that corporate interests intersect with the interests of "the people" when corporations are legally bound to prioritise profits to their shareholders above all other considerations. I do not want to see NZ government become a puppet to multinational corporate interests as has happened in America, where whomever has the deepest pockets can buy the outcomes that they want.
Barry Wah Lee	I am concerned at the power and behaviour of the pharmaceutical companies promoting themselves through PR campaigns and public policy methods , and would like see a guard on health supplements, enabling them to continue to be available, to be sold and imported.
Nancye O'Reilly	What concerns me the most has been the lack of transparency around the TPPA... Where there is no honest communication, the consequences will always be a break in trust!! And when there is a break in trust, a relationship dies!! That's how I feel about the current government..... I have no faith or trust in them doing the right thing for any of us!! By acquiescing to the demands of the USA they are committing political suicide!!
Simon Barr	Dear Government. The primary purpose for this "agreement" now no longer exists. The China economy is crashing. There is now no need to assist the US in establishing further trade hegemony at the expense of our democracy. The US and Canada are likely to back out of this following widespread dissent, which you still refuse to acknowledge.
Luke Scoringe	I just dont see why the average blue color new zealander (the majority) needs isds, corporate influence in our government, to sell our democracy. We just dont need it/want it. National has already borrowed more than the average NZDer can ever pay back simply to invest in there mates companies. It has to stop before it goes to far! If we elect labor can we burn the agreement?

Judith Holt	I am not alone in believing that if corporations can sue our government, we have lost control of our country. Maybe the present government will not do anything that might cause this to happen, but the present government will not be in office forever. Many New Zealanders, more than half the population, are unhappy with the direction we are going in, and there will be change with the next election.
Rose Wylie	From what I understand TPPA is going to effect the whole country, we will lose our authority of our environment, the protection of our country and government, small business will struggle to stay afloat, our public health and medical bills will increase, by signing the TPPs without any regards to the people of New Zealand the government/john key has already taken away our democracy. Why is there so much secrecy around the TPPA if its a good thing? If it was a good thing it would be open and honest, so far i have not see any honesty and certainly not opens to share the TPPA with the public, therefore i must conclude the TPPA will be bad for our country.
Brian and Gillian Kendrick	The TPPA is corporate driven. History shows that such drivers show no respect for our citizens or our environment - growth and financial returns to the owners are the only acceptable measurable outcome. Our developed world is living well beyond the ability of the planet to support us if we expect the planet's population to aspire to our standard of living. Therefore, we must not accept any agreement which encourages more consumerism. Clearly, TPPA is driving us in the direction opposite to that which will deliver our best interests.
Darius	Stop selling the people out govt work for us not people work for govt let us all be free from corp and govt power
LeiLani Waitai	I am against signing of the TPPA for 1.the negative impact it will have on public access to health services and affordable necessary medicine..... 2.the power Corporations will have over the NZ political process and most importantly 3. The negative impact on Te Tiriti o Waitangi which is already compromised !
Sarah	Keep NZ green and clean. Keep her pure for future generations.
glenis Lobb	The TPPA is an agreement put in place to allow corporate power to overwhelm our democracy.
Lee Badham	The TPPA should not be ratified in NZ and the three MAIN reasons (there are others, including all of the above) I believe that it should not be ratified here is that the ISDS clause means that overseas Corporations (etc) can sue our Government (OUR Government, the Government of the people of New Zealand) if they believe that our laws or any proposed laws/law changes affects them negatively. The second main reason is that because of the ISDS our Sovereignty and our Democracy are compromised utterly. The third main reason is that only a VERY small percentage of the TPPA deals with Trade, therefore to try to pass it off as a Trade deal is incorrect and wrong. We are not 'rent-a crowd', we are New Zealand citizens and this nation is supposedly a democracy, therefore this is wrong because it is NOT in the best interests of New Zealanders.
Brian Percival	All of the reasons listed above are of concern to me for the impact it will have on NZers and what we leave for our children. I am particularly concerned about what it means in the sense of oil exploration/drilling/frakking and the risks these activities present to our environment. Widespread water contamination equates to \$\$ through limiting supply and increasing demand. Oil companies have a long history of going into foreign countries to extract oil, often creating environmental disasters, and leaving behind a toxic nightmare without ever coming to the party to properly clean up (if that is actually possible) in lean more toward cover up. The pharmaceutical companies seem entirely driven toward profit and extending their patent protections means greater cost to Kiwis. While government says it will cover the cost, all their money comes from the people so it is still us paying this higher cost and it must compromise other areas of government expenditure Being tied into this agreement as it stands would be like employing a person with a very unethical history, making them the CEO of your business in such a way that you could never remove them regardless of the destruction they may create . The fact that it has to be done throughout in secret is perhaps the biggest red flag. This is solely about corporate interests and not the people... if it was about people there would be no need for secrecy
Joanne Solomon	Picking on three is not enough I have concerns with most of the issues listed here.

Matthew Thorne	The TPPA has nothing to do with liberation of trade or benefitting citizens. As NAFTA illustrates, these agreements benefit only the corporations with concerns of nothing beyond the bottom line. I understand that the National Party is a business oriented political organisation and that increasing profitability is seen as a positive thing. Unfortunately the more we increase the wealth gap with TPPA and similar actions, the more unrest we will create. You need only to look around the world to see it is in everybody's interest to give everybody a reasonable standard of living. The TPPA will only increase the wealth of the wealthy, leaving the 99% falling ever further towards the poverty line. The ISDS is especially concerning, no corporate should ever have the right to challenge a human right to clean air and a comfortable lifestyle. The TPPA is an attack on the people of Aotearoa, and our way of life. Deal to it before you destroy this beautiful nation. We will be eternally grateful.
Richard Parker	People of New Zealand before big business and corporate control and wants People of New Zealand before political strategies. The people put the members of Parliament in Government TRUSTING that the parliamentarians would represent US first, not gamble with what we have worked hard for for years. Political Parties do not have an ethical mandate to make agreements that could affect our sovereignty and the integrity of the values we hold dear as New Zealanders including the Treaty of Waitangi, personal and national freedoms. Big business and politicians do not have all the answers. Politicians only have a mandate to represent the people and make decisions fairly, honestly and with integrity not to erode or cause a possible loss of sovereignty through apparent dubious & speculative trade agreementsthink about it please.
R A M Onderwater	It upsets me that iwi have not been consulted on this issue and that the environment has not been taken into consideration. It looks like an agreement to make the rich richer and the poor poorer and that is totally unacceptable.
Anna tonks	There is significant evidence this will impact the environment and violate the treaty of waitangi. One of my deepest concerns is that it will compromise our healthcare system even more. Already the cost of health is growing as budgets decrease - any more raising costs or corporate power that can compromise public health initiatives will have a devastating loss to the health of kiwis.
Alda de Rezende McGuinness	No to corporate dictatorship!!
Riki Tauroa	why all the secret surrounding the TPPA
Aishah ali	TPPA is not good for small businesses in small countries. It allow the mega and powerful nation controlling goods export and import along with prices
Rawiri Hohepa	Although free trade sounds great, the costs are just too high. Losing our sovereignty is NOT OKAY
nicola creed	We are meant to be a democratic country that should not be run by Corporates . We should not be under US copyright laws , lose our sovereignty , fail to protect our beautiful Environment nor be subjected to Micro Chipping . What the most important thing " It's the People " & this TPPA is not for the people nor for their health or the protection of the Environment
Bridie	The government of New Zealand should be about listening to the people. The National Party has blatantly ignored the hundreds of thousands of people who have said they do not want the TPPA in New Zealand. Corporates should not have control or influence over political processes in our country. I stand against the TPPA along with hundreds of thousands of other New Zealanders. TPPA - NO WAY!
Debra tunnicliffe	I do not want New Zealand to be controlled by international corporates who do not even live in this country. The TPPA does not serve New Zealand citizens well.
sonya luamanu	I do not support this disempowerment of the working class, this is not in the best interests of the people of NZ. We are better than this.
Amanda Douglas	Due to the lack of transparency around this deal only makes one question that it cannot be good for New Zealand. I am tangata whenua and believe this will again disadvantage our people as we are the highest statistics for all wrong.
Shaun wiki	#NOTPPA
Ann Duff	the impact on us all as a people, future generations health, the list is endless. i submit a big fat "NO" to TPPA.
Cecily Guarrrera	It is against democracy to have corporate interests gain more power. Let's get back to having some integrity and do not allow the ratification of the TPP and instead build towards an equitable society.

Kirsten miller	As a passionately patriotic New Zealander, who is also a nurse, I am strongly opposed to the TPPA. I believe it will be extremely detrimental to so many of the wonderful aspects of living in New Zealand. Our nations sovereignty, access to medicine, and equality to all, are among the list of my concerns.
Lora Hagemann	Free trade is good, but the TPPA is way more than a free trade deal. In fact, it doesn't even give us free trade in the areas of most importance to NZ ... and only more drawbacks to boot. STOP! THINK! BE STRATEGIC! Don't ratify just to save face!
June Hoddle	The secrecy over the TPPA is most concerning. If it is such a good deal then the people need to participate in the debate (that's democracy) and be part of the decision making process (that's democracy). If this government wants to dictate to the people of Aotearoa/NZ then they should go rule another country where there USA dictatorship.
Dave McClelland	I am opposed to the TPPA agreement being passed for several reasons and my top 3 are highlighted above.. We have been kept in the dark regarding this and feel the decision is certainly not a democratic one.
Rodney	I will not allow this to go ahead, it's ridiculous that corporations can rule our country
Dimitri	No corporation should a right to sue a government because it does not suit it. If a government deems it necessary to do any changes for the benefit of New Zealanders they should be able to and not be held to ransom by a greedy corporation
Phillip Berry	F*ck the TPPA you greedy pieces of sh*t. Think of everyone for a change rather than yourselves and your profits.
Roger George SENIOR	I am concerned that N Z would be taken to court if they wanted for, instance, to stop mining coal to set an example to the rest of the world, to reduce Co2 emissions. And to require Dairy farms owned by Overseas Companies to actively stop Cows from polluting our streams and rivers.
Mereti Te Wao	TPPA has created such a huge turmoil to us New Zealanders. It has taken 4 days to read what information i have gathered and 2 weeks to actually understand the content. As a New Zealander it has stripped me of my rights on all levels and has taken my power to control what i believe to be my sovereignty. I would like you to please for generations to come. STOP THIS INSANE TPPA that has no benefits to any New Zealander at all. I am crying literally as i send you my submission. This is how i strongly oppose TPPA.
Stephen Newnham	This agreement was negotiated in secrecy which proves that there is much wrong in it(or why would it be hidden from the public?). The government that signed it favours corporations and people with obscene amounts of personal wealth(it is headed by a ponytail tugging money trader who is in bed with others of this ilk - birds of a feather). It is not even the best possible deal(with the international community already agreeing to reduce tariffs and export subsidies why do we need to get locked into trade agreements?). We did not get the access to the dairy markets we wanted so why did we sign it? (We did not sign it - National Party corporate puppets signed it on our behalf).
Craig o'brien-Hall	this is not a trade deal it is simply a corporate power grab supported by greedy corrupt lying politicians
Julia Lovrin	I am appalled at the attempt by some people, who should know better but obviously do not, keeping vital information from the people of New Zealand which is necessary for the people of this country to make an informed decision about the TPPA. I thought we lived in a democracy not a dictatorship in disguise. Those people are leading the people of New Zealand to a very risky and dangerous future. I have read information from very reliable sources from many experts both here and abroad and know that this very well maybe the worst decision of any government in the history of New Zealand. Surely those who are in favour of moving forward with the TPPA in parliament do not want to be remembered as the villains who inflicted this on New Zealander's. I think they need to think about their actions in regard to this matter very carefully otherwise I think they will be extremely vilified in the future by many people.
Susan Harper	I am particularly concerned about the changes the TPPA will slowly make to our least American ways of life. Our health-care is very different and I think public health-care is one of New Zealand's best things. Similarly, our attempts to ratify the Treaty of Waitangi and slowly make the race relations in our country something we can be proud of, are very different from the race relations of the most powerful country in the TPPA. I'm particularly worried about keeping these differences in the context of an agreement which has suffered from such shocking secrecy and lack of respect for democratic process. Please, pay attention to the electorate's voices now.

Paul Sutcliffe	<p>It is clear that the TPPA is anti-democratic and a real threat to our democracy. The largest corporations, such as Google and Apple, which already avoid paying their legitimate tax bills in most of the jurisdictions in which they operate, are unelected and unaccountable to voters. Yet the TPPA gives such corporations a veto over the highest court in New Zealand, Parliament. Ratification of this treaty is nothing less than a criminal act, and is nothing short of treason, for which I understand the death penalty is still applicable in this country.</p>
	<p>I believe the TPPA should not be ratified in NZ. The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. The TPPA will bring stagnation on actions to control the products that make people sick in the first place - tobacco control, managing junk food advertising to children. While New Zealand has had no ISDS (the mechanism that allows corporations to sue countries) cases taken against it, under TPPA we could face exposure to 1608 companies from the US - the most litigious country in the world. There has been no credible attempt to engage with Māori as the Crown's Treaty Partner before or during the TPPA negotiations. The only Māori that were consulted with in any official capacity were the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA). The government 'National Interest Analysis' that looked at the pros and cons of the TPPA for New Zealand failed to even assess the impact on the Treaty of Waitangi! New Zealand could be sued for potentially billions of dollars under the ISDS system, meaning that a loss by the government in any such case would threaten to erase any monetary benefit from the TPPA. THE MAIN REASONS NOT TO RATIFY THE TPPA ARE: It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. The New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. The 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. There would be a criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. The TPPA leaves the rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO PULL OUT FOR NZ'S SAKE - DO NOT RATIFY THE TPPA!</p> <p>LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF AOTEAROA! PROTECT US INSTEAD OF DESTROYING US!</p>
Pat McNair	We are not America's whore!!
Carys Burkhardt	
Carolynne Stone	<p>I do not support the ratification of the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement. If the benefits to New Zealand are so heavily weighted in our favour, why the need for secrecy and lack of widespread formal consultation and debate by those who will be impacted most by the provisions of this agreement, the New Zealand people? Commercial sensitivity is not an excuse when the agreement should be about fair trade not free trade. As we all know, nothing is free in this world. If all countries involved willingly negotiate to each others benefit and their own benefit, then transparency should be paramount. Already there are provisions that will be included to protect the rights of some countries but New Zealand has not included those same protections, Why? It is very hard to support a government and their Ministers when it is on the basis of trust without intelligent discussion and consultation with those the government purports to represent.....All the people of New Zealand not just the factions involved in trade. I have looked at both sides of the issues as they have been presented and I find no good reason to give the Government the right to sign and ratify the TPPA on my or the country's behalf.</p>
Anita Barltrop	<p>I do not want New Zealand to be part of an agreement like the TPP Agreement which clothes itself as a Trade Agreement but is actually a CORPORATE DEAL. The whole charade has been totally Undemocratic, which is unexceptable in a Country that is supposed to be a Democracy. I therefore wish to submit that we review the terms after Proper Consultation with Citizens and taxpayers, then consider renegotiating the deal or opting out</p>
Jacki Corkill	Respect the wishes of most New Zealanders, respect the environment, say no to TPPA
Christian Huriwai	<p>To whom it may concern, What is this smokescreen? Why all this fuss over a terrible trade agreement? Stop wasting all of our time and money! Terrible, just shocking, makes me ashamed to be part of New Zealand having this useless of an issue. Others are dying of hunger, fighting deforestation and more... and we're fighting over this USELESS trade agreement, that isn't even about trade! I'm disgusted, I'm a proud New Zealand that is disgusted in his government. I'm 24 years old and have only voted twice in my life, all the TPPA has done for me, is motivated me to vote the next chance possible! If that was your main goal, then well done, you've succeeded. Terrible.</p>

Edward Fox	For me it's not so much the TPPA, but the secrecy surrounding it. In a democratic country like New Zealand that's just not good enough. What's being hidden under the specious guise of 'commercial sensitivity'. It's not so much, what do we stand to gain, but what do we stand to lose and are not being told about that worries me.
Stacey	It is not the best thing for the PEOPLE of NEW ZEALAND!!!
Claudia Paikea	I am against the TPPA it undermines our treaty of waitangi and undermines our democracy. Plus the big companies oversees have to big influence and power through it. Stop TPPA
John	All Government decisions must be transparent ie., the public must be fully informed/aware, before putting into practice.
Craig Bonner	I feel that Kiwis have not been properly informed about the details of the TPPA. When I think of the money spent on the flag referendum with community meetings up and down the country, and compare it with the pitiful education process over this deal it puzzles me. The thing was negotiated in secret, quite a little different from the process the Labour government followed when negotiating the China Free Trade deal. I saw an interview with the minister of trade, he was asked if there was an appeal process if the tribunal found against the government. He waffled and didn't answer the question to my satisfaction. We keep hearing government ministers referring to it as a trade deal and in doing so, insults the intelligence of New Zealanders for we know it is much more than that. Finally, I don't think governments in our democracy should lock their ideology into international treaties.
Kim H PHELPS	I have been a health practitioner for over 20 years and realize the corporate concerns are having influence over political policy. This is to the detriment of individual health. The TPPA will further erode health care in NZ.
Lee J Burgess	It is our right as people to choose our own direction through the people's choices and voice not the corporate bullying supported by political meddling.
Janet Marks	I want to make a submission regarding the TPPA - but first I want to make it clear that I realise that international trade is very important to New Zealand. I would support an agreement that aimed to promote trade. However there are aspects of the TPPA that are very worrying. For example, the lack of any oversight on the effects of international trade on the global environment and on sustaining human life in the future. Secondly I'm very concerned by the likelihood that decisions the people and government of New Zealand might need to make in the future regarding sustainability, will be constrained by the fact that we would be taken to an ISDS tribunal. The proliferation of these tribunals, their one-sided nature - i.e. companies can take countries to them, but not the other way round, and the fact that the fines are worked out on the basis of future profits - all these issues lead me to seriously question the wisdom of signing up. I am not against compensating companies for the investment they might have put into a country, and for a limited time into the future, but recent rulings in other countries show that the compensation is completely out of proportion. This will limit the room for manoeuvre that a country has in the future, and brings me to my final objection to the TPPA. Multinational businesses with shareholders have CEOs whose priority is to maximise profits. They do not necessarily have the best interests of the environment and the population of any one country at the heart of their decision-making. It is my opinion that this is the role of government, alongside their role of developing ways in which to help the people find jobs and so pay taxes (that pay for the government). It is government's job to balance these aims. By accepting the terms of the TPPA, this government is leaving the people and environment of New Zealand unprotected and vulnerable to corporate greed.
Steven Davies	The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Safwaan	We want our right! We want our freedom!
Nigel Hefford	I believe that the TPPA in its current form offers limited benefits in return for a great many risks to the ability of future governments to make decisions for the people of New Zealand. The agreement is heavily weighed in favour of overseas corporations and other organisations that are only interested in their share price and the remuneration of their CEO. An agreement based on these criteria is unlikely to benefit New Zealand and may do our country great harm.
David Salmon	The undemocratic process used to date in the process of pushing the TPPA upon New Zealand is unacceptable to the highest degree. Any politician with moral and ethical obligation to the people of NZ should understand this in entirely.
steve hill	Trade is good. A trade agreement can take many forms. I strongly disagree with the form this one has taken. We must maintain the ability to make the best decisions for our nation without pressure or threat from overseas corporations. Thank You

Aaron Smylie	Keep our flag, keep our sovereignty, keep our housing and health sectors free of corporate control and profit, keep the TRUE democratic process that allows the people to have their voices heard, and keep our Treaty of Waitangi sacred.
Rebekah King	I am against the TPPA for many reasons. As per other countries have already experienced ISDS allows Corporations to sue Governments for loss of potential earnings due to law changes such as raising the minimum wage. Corporations should hold no power whatsoever over Government and political processes. Secret tribunals and negotiations make a mockery of our so called democracy in NZ. The people will pay the price of NZ joining the TPPA. The environment, our healthcare system, everything is at risk if we join this dodgy deal. Why have a referendum for a flag but not for something as important as this? Dodgy indeed!!!
Julia Jackson	I think there are many externalities in the TPPA that haven't been properly thought about yet and need to be properly financially modeled.
Rionn harford	The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) Is a worry including The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions, Internet protections and privacy and the threat there will be huge nz poverty, huge debts, huge overseas ownership, corporate ransom, hell do i need to go on!!!! Leave our country alone, keep your money your greed and your corruption. TINO RANGATIRATANGA
Wes Malcolm	PLEASE JOHN KEY.... Listen to the people of this country, thousands turned out in Auckland a few weeks back for one of the largest protests we've seen in decades. You say it's a rent a crowd, i was there and it was anything but.. It was thousands upon thousands passionate people who care for this amazing country prepared to stand up and do what ever it takes to stop this bill coming into power. If you don't listen to the NZ people on this one we will rise up together as one and show you the power we have. I've voted for your the National Party for the last 2 terms and i'm starting to regret it.. If National bring this TPPA bill into power it will be the start of a very slippery down hill slope for this country, our people and for the National Party. All i say is think long and hard about it, look and listen to the people and stop being ego driven and arrogant.. PLEASE.....
Robert Barrer	I am a loyal 69 year old New Zealander who has worked and paid taxes since the age of 17. I am alarmed at the idea of an overseas court run by corporations with no appeal process, being set up to deal with any issues which arise from the TPPA. The whole way this has been thrust upon citizens in secret, by its cheerleaders, is really just not on in a democracy. Few people vote already because they believe our system is not honest, and is run by politicians with vested interests. I will cease voting if this TPPA goes through as it will no longer be anything other than a farce
Sean Flannigan	The TPPA makes me, as a citizen, scared and concerned. For me it feels like someone is signing some important legal documents for us that could have enormous negative repercussions down the line, and we haven't even been properly told or explained what is in the text or what it could mean in the future. Many important people in our community, like doctors, have expressed their concerns about how the TPPA could have horrible repercussions on our public health and medicine. It appears to benefit politicians and corporations more than it does us, the regular citizens of New Zealand. I don't want New Zealand law and culture controlled by multinational corporations. I don't want it to damage the rights of Maori people. I don't want it to negatively affect our access to cheap medicine. I don't want it to affect our position on climate change for the worse. I don't like the secret Government negotiations bypassing Democracy.
Jan Ohlson	We should not sign the TPPA because we could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. I'm against corporate power & influence over the political process; also ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement; Internet protections and privacy, the cost to consumers for copyright extensions, the impact on the Treaty of Waitangi).
Gavin Botica	I oppose the TPPA for the following reasons: 1. the NZ governments claims that it will benefit all NZ's is not convincing. There appears to have been no-one at the negotiating tables acting in the interests of normal NZs, only businesses. 2. ISDS has the potential to cost NZ tax payers millions of dollars, and is a fundamentally corrupt system. 3. I understand that long established Net neutrality and privacy protections are at risk if the TPPA is implemented. I am a NZ born citizen and tax payer and I unreservedly oppose the TPPA.
Tia Tomoana	we can be sued by overseas investors due to changing our laws.. maori have not been properly consulted over the tppa. the future of maoris is unpredictable due to the tppa. the medicines are growing into something we cannot afford therefore shortening our life span due to affordability!! how is this at all benefitting newzealanders?

	<p>One of my main concerns with the TPPA as opposed to other Trade agreements we already have is Investor State Dispute Settlement. A lot has been bandied about in the media saying "It won't happen" but look at Phillip Morris and plain packaged cigarettes in Australia. Look at the Paris Climate talks, a landmark agreement to control Climate change, a huge threat to every human ON THE PLANET and already some US states are trying to say it's unconstitutional because it will effect their base line profits if they have to ween off coal or make adjustments in their processes. It's no secret, blatantly obvious actually, that the US is an incredibly litigious country. Look at their Farm lobbying DURING TPPA negotiations to control what tariffs are effected in regards to other countries farming exports. They're looking after their own as well should we. I'm not at all convinced that the benefits of signing onto this agreement out weigh the huge potential negatives. Unfortunately the hasty way it's all being pushed through now is making me feel like even this submission is a waste of my time as our Democratically elected government is passing this into law whether the majority of New Zealanders want it or not. One way to keep people from dissenting is to keep them ignorant by releasing propaganda and getting Mike Hosking to hail the agreements merit without actually addressing EXACTLY how NZ benefits? Our trade minister at the time said he had to swallow some rats, in reference to dairy (our countries MAIN economic driver if the media is to be believed) and Pharmac has already taken a hit with the government - aka Zealand Tax payers - announcing it will spend millions making up the difference.</p>
Paula McClelland	<p>In the past Trade deals have been more focused on Trade and not as much on rights of investors etc. This is a major shift in focus which had parallels in the rejected MAI agreement in the mid to late 90's. The issues of making the economic playing field less equal by putting more power with established investment groups haven't changed, if not more pertinent today. With a shifting demographic which makes the economic load greater on younger people and new families it makes no sense to economically favour the rights of established sectors. With economic, social and environmental issues such as debt loading and climate change it is more necessary to have an economy favouring innovation and grass roots adaption to the emerging variables. The patterns of excess that have emerged post War years are proving to be unsustainable, so those who benefited from that era, should not be given advantage to maintain that place. It is virtually taking from the mouths of merging youngsters.</p>
Wayne Luxton	<p>Stop dictatorship</p>
Jael	<p>I am not anti free trade, I do not believe the TPPA is about free trade, it is a form of protectionism for corporate businesses. I am not against business, I am for a level playing field</p>
Rosemary Neave	<p>I ask the government of new zealand, and the prime minister to put aside your own goals and listen to the people, and do not allow the invasion of US corporate law to dictate how we as New Zealanders choose to live and work. PLEASE DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA. It is clear it IS NOT A FREE TRADE AGREEMENT, but it's forcing UNFAIR US corporate law on us Kiwis, on our children and their children and their children. We do not need this deal. It's not free trade, it's corporations suing the NZ people so the rich become richer, and taking our sovereignty and right to make our laws and freedom to live our lives the way we want without greedy overlords. PLEASE DON'T LET THE TPPA COME INTO EFFECT. EVERYONE LOSES, EXCEPT THE CORPORATIONS. THIS IS NOT DEMOCRACY.</p>
Grant mckinnon	<p>Keep our sovereignty instead of being a puppet of multinational corporations!</p>
Wim oosterhoff	<p>I am deeply disturbed by the secret nature of the TPPA. There has been no open discussion - at any level. One only has to look at the destructive, controlling power that Corporations hold in the U.S. to see that it is no longer a Democracy.. N.Z has always been fiercely Democratic - and through the Treaty of Waitangi - due consideration is given to all people. The TPPT takes away All Rights of people, makes them prisoners of the Corporate powers who would further their control over others for their own ends.</p>
JUDY CASEY	<p>John Key here's a quote for your consideration "being a great listener will win trust far more than defending our right to be right". All you have shown throughout this process is your unwillingness to listen, and an unwavering stance of "I am right". I personally think this does not demonstrate fundamental leadership traits required in a democracy. In the German parliament the roof is made of glass- this represents the need for transparency & openness of the government. It also places the people above the politicians. They built their parliament this way after learning the hard way! We should know better - transparency, honesty, the willingness to listen& take into account the voice of people who you are meant to serve. I believe you are about to lose the trust of this nation by signing the tppa, because you have not listened, merely dictated what you believe to be right.</p>
Kylie dellabarca steel	

	<p>My main concern is simple- we have signed an agreement in Paris to take action on climate change. While for many countries the focus of emission reduction is in the energy sector, we already have a high level of renewable energy. The main source of emissions in NZ is in the farming sector. Under the TPPA's ISDS agreement, any legislation by future govts that had an impact on farmer profits would result in the govt getting sued. This is not a remote possibility- it is a certainty, when considered against the ever reducing economic viability of farming that already exists. Also, we can't afford to keep doing things the same way, we need a new paradigm for the future wellbeing of nzers. The TPPA is just an attempt to perpetuate a failing economic paradigm. The age of the corporation as political entity needs to come to an end, and a return to basic understandings such as- 1/ every household is in fact just like a small business. Money comes in and goes out, and they try to make a profit to increase wealth. Unless legislation supports household wealth (ie an affluent and large middle class) then it is not in the best interests of the economy of the country. Creating an elite super rich 1% and a poor 99% results in economic disaster as consumer spending capacity evaporates. Money shouldn't be able to influence political decisions that are not in the best interest of the majority. It is obvious to see from examination of the situation in other nations (eg our allies the US and UK) that corporate campaigning has had a huge negative impact on citizen wellbeing and their faith in their political systems to represent their needs. We can see the popular rise of people like Bernie Sanders and Jeremy Corbyn as indications of the failures of this kind of distorted democracy and we have the chance to take pre-emptive action to stop NZ heading down exactly the same track. Including to stop the TPPA...</p>
Owen Carter	<p>It's about time the government listened to its people we don't want this. As an island we need to be able to make decisions that suit our environment and people not a collective of other countries governed by corporate power and money driven decisions</p>
Janet Ingham-borrie	<p>The ability for the average New Zealanders to be part of a democratic and a fair political process is eroded by the TPPA. TPPA represents corporate business and multi national overseas interests which while the National Government panders to : ensuring more power and money for the few it is not in the interests of true New Zealanders</p>
Adele Meyer	<p>To sign the TPPA agreement is as simple as signing away your rights as a kiwi & for the sake of nothing but to the further growth and influence of the greedy corporations who are standing between us and our health & wellbeing whilst slowly stripping our precious world of it's resources for the benefit of the wealthy few.</p>
Jason Wallace	<p>Fact is, the pursuit of short term profits, and the extreme levels of protectionism in the TPPA will hurt everyone, rich or poor. The people have nothing to lose by going against the deal, so I strongly advise not ratifying the TPP to protect our nation and our people.</p>
Cath Arnold	<p>It's not a trade agreement, it's a sell out. You're selling us out to America. All of the "big money" is going to trample our little country into the ground. At the same time you're giving the UK the right to ignore it and refuse to help when it all goes wrong. We'll lose their protection, the treaty will be null and void and America will sue us all into the ground. Our clean green reputation is already sliding down hill fast but this will totally kill it. It's an extremely bad idea and we need to pull out of it before it's too late.</p>
Andrew Rossiter	<p>i have this crazy notion that backroom deals made by politicians and corporations that effect us all should be discussed in full before any agreement can even be considered. This sneaky corporate power grab by the use of corrupt politicians cannot be allowed to happen..</p>
Jane Langley	<p>We do not need to tip the scales any further toward the side of big corporations! You, the government, are our elected representatives. You represent THE PEOPLE, not CORPORATIONS! They are big enough and wealthy enough to take care of themselves. It is the individual people - the citizens - your constituents! - who need your protection. Why would you limit our freedoms and our rights just for a trade 'deal' which only puts a TINY increase on our GDP according to your own predictions. The costs will be far greater than any tiny potential profits. New Zealand has led the way in the past with Nuclear Free, we can lead the way again! Do NOT ratify this dirty deal.</p>
Bronwen Chapple	<p>I'm extremely worried about the secrecy there has been about the TPPA process. I don't want N.Z. to be forced into selling off our land/houses to overseas corporations or rich people with huge amounts of money to buy into our country, I'm concerned about losing our uniqueness, our loss of sovereignty, the impact there will be on our public health and medicines, these have been undermined more than enough already, and the threat to climate action and our environment, again this is eroded more than enough already.</p>
Jeff Saunders	<p>The government of New Zealand represents EVERY New Zealander. The government of New Zealand ought NEVER to have gone into a negotiation about an agreement so powerful without inviting all stakeholders to the table. Helen Clark's government's negotiations in relation to the trade agreement with China, exemplified this important principle. As well our government should NOT agree to clauses which challenge our government's ability to draft laws without the threat of overseas tribunals censuring the government's actions and imposing penalties by way of compensation for loss of trade and profits..</p>

Lisa Crabb	I object to the tppa due to GMOs and seed Control. The idea of being raided by police for growing food is ridiculous!
mike carroll	To whom it may concern. I dont agree with the way that the Government can just decide on things like this, without input from the public. Things like this should go to a vote where New Zealanders can have a say. Mike Carroll
Hetty Nobel	Climate change and what it means for the environment is the most pressing and important issue for the future of humanity. On a personal niveau the health system is letting people [esp. older citizens] down in waiting times and costs.
Paul taylor	As a chronic kidney disease patient, stage 4 ,yes I am worried about what these drug companies can get up to, it has been proven in my case that it was the drug manufacturer from USA that failed in a big way by not advising the general public the dangers of using this drug, VOLTAREN
Greg Hodgson	I strongly oppose the TPPA agreement. I feel this agreement gives away so much of our freedom as a nation. I detest that we are agreeing to a contract that will allow corporations to essentially have their own court which makes the final decisions. How is that democratic? You- the government are meant to be our voice. We tell you what we want and you act to deliver. That is clearly not the case here. Listen to us. We know this is a bad thing. You are giving up tomorrow for now. I am a proud New Zealander living in Australia. I miss my country and have always been proud of the fact that New Zealanders so what is right for New Zealand. Not America. Very few entities will gain from this agreement. The people are not in that group. Corporations will obviously. Why do we look to America when statistically they are worst in world in so many categories of live yet Norwegian country's who are saying no to similar agreements lead in most. Physically we are small like these country's, climate is similar- these are the blueprints we should study- not copy. America - no. TPPA- no. My Key- no. You do not listen and your values don't represent me
Amanda Crofts	The TPPA is in no way in the best interests of New Zealanders as citizens of this country. The benefits will go off shore, and we will be slaves to the interests of global corporations for threat of lawsuits for affecting their business interests, at the expense of us democratically deciding our OWN LAWS. There will no longer be a point of holding referendums, passing legislation, as it will all need to effectively be approved by offshore corporates. Not to mention the fact the TPPA blatantly ignores the Treaty of Waitangi, which has had endless years and millions for court cases to compensate Maori. We will now be subject to court cases between Maori and global corporates, and the only ones who win are the corporations with the biggest bank balance. Its unnecessary, undemocratic and the lack of discussion and documentation released in the media only smacks of preventing the citizens of the black hold we are about to sign up to. Well, my voice is all I have, and I in NO WAY support the TPPA
jess o'malley	Save us the propaganda. We demand the facts.
clinton liebenberg	We are kiwis, free and proud...until our government signs us up as slaves and numbers to be used by the USA and multi national organisations. The answer to TPPA as was the case with nuclear power should always be NO!
Helena M Jordan	I am aware that the country known as The United States is a private corporation and currently operates outwith the Constitution of The United States of America. I am aware that the country known as New Zealand is a private corporation and is run for the benefit of the "shareholders". The TPPA has been designed to have maximum control for the shareholders of The United States and New Zealand. The TPPA has negligible economic benefit for the people of New Zealand who will effectively be the "lackeys" for the private corporations known as The United States and New Zealand. The TPPA shareholders of the corporations known as The United States and New Zealand will effectively control all policies within the country of New Zealand The TPPA private arbitration clause is set up for the benefit of the shareholders of the corporations known as The United States and New Zealand. The TPPA is a document effectively taking over, without a war being fought, of the land known as New Zealand. The TPPA is, by stealth, nothing more than a land grab and must been viewed within the context of the Project for the New American Century, which, in itself, calls for massive depopulation as stated publicly by its spokesperson Mr Bill Gates.
stuart cole	this needs not to be signed as it is an treasonnious act n if this does go through the mp's need to be held accountable by a reasonable jail term

Matt	In my humble opinion, Pharmaceutical Companies already make ridiculous amounts of money as it is- their victims? Those of "lower" economic class! These cruel, criminal and inhumane corporations feed off the poor and struggling; the socially marginalized and the impoverished, for one reason only; to boost their power status at our expense! I refuse to support a deal that further promotes inequality, further fattens the wallets of these greedy corporations, and put my faith in a text that contains no clause detailing the prospect of alleviating inequality in any way! There's just no way I can stand for that. I'd be cheating myself if I believed any of the lies force fed to us by puppets and the media that there is any sort of benefit to us- the people- in the TPPA. I am ashamed of the poor decisions that those we have elected as "leaders" have made, all the while ignoring our outright and desperate cries to be heard. Things feel like they are starting to become much clearer: New Zealand was never democratic; our leaders seem to be becoming more and more tyrannical every term they are in power. It seems to me that if voting changed anything, they would make it illegal! In saying this, if there is in fact any ounce of sovereignty left in this beautiful nation, I strongly urge the government to do their jobs and PLEASE listen to the one's who allocated them power in the first place. We- the people- urge them to revoke their signatures that were so hastily scribbled on this diabolical document before it's too late. If this does not happen, our next move will be to permanently remove them from power!
Pat varey	It is well recognised that these trade deals are terribly dangerous to the general populace and really serve to feather the nests of those with vested interests and corporate clout. To have secret negotiations and settlements and hearings conducted by corporate influenced tribunals strikes at the heart of what democracy should be about. The government is there to serve the people, not the other way around. I oppose this in the strongest possible terms.
Gerry Portegys	We are told that the treaty will increase our GNP by \$1.9 billion by 2030. Considering our present GNP is over \$200 billion/annum, this amount the least possible reason for ratifying this treaty.
Deb Clapperton	Live in NZ for freedom of action and thought. your actions deny us this. The little people of any country are actually the ones that keep it afloat.
Pamela Crawford	The T.P.P.A is an acronym for "Taking peoples power away" because that is essentially what it does. Giving the Corporations the power to sue us if we introduce legislation because it may hinder the opportunity to make a profit undermines not only our parliament but also our sovereignty generally. This will severely hinder our right to a democracy.
wake	Isds is a mechanism to insure no profit loss for greedy already rich corporations. This mechanism will mean the taking of tax payer revenue that we desperately need to service the needs of ordinary kiwis. We were colonised before. We will not be colonized again by greedy foreign investors who dont give a rats arse about tangata whenua or mum and dad kiwis. There are 29 chapters in this hideous ttpa agreement and at most only 6 have to do with trade. Kiwis stand up for our rights always have done....to do so under this insideous agreement would cripple us even more. Do the right thing by us. Dont sign this slave agreement.
Barry Down	I strongly object that foreign commercial parties can allowed to challenge decisions & demand compensation from our New Zealand democratically elected government, only in cases of human right issues should any challenge to our government be considered. It is a strong indication of corruption when a society holds NO value greater than financial market place worth.
Simon Upperton	The TPPA is an extension of the corporatisation of government services that is widespread in the US and has corrupted policy and democracy. No way TPPA.
Gary Baigent	Anything US puppet ShonKey and the Natz recommend you know 180 degrees about face is required.

	<p>New Zealand is (at present) a free country, and its citizens have the right to question the intentions of a government - especially with politicians who seem to be intent on selling off the nation to the highest bidder. Our so-called :elected" officials are not listening to their constituents, and instead remained focused on an unholy agenda that will entrap New Zealand into a long-term contract which will mainly benefit the business interests of the politicians. The limited time frame for studying and interpreting this agreement is farcical. The document is a lengthy tome of legalise, and I have had real difficulty understanding exactly what some of the agreement clauses mean. How many of our voting officials have actually read the entire document, and how many understand the implications? The people of New Zealand deserve a much wider time-frame to read and consider the long-range implications of the agreement. The government, once again, is trying to rush through a deal without allowing its citizens a reasonable amount of time to understand all of the aspects of this document. The secrecy and deceit behind the TPPA has been exposed through its documented actions against the countries who have signed the agreement. We know that we will be losing our rights and freedoms under this contract. No one who cares about real New Zealanders would willingly support this lop-sided agreement, as it will curtail our freedom, limit our choice, and allow a universal alliance of corporations to determine our future. Please, remember that you, as elected officials,have been entrusted to represent and look out for the best interests of the citizens. Many of you have already disregarded this duty (by supporting a flag change), and are blindly following the whims of an attention-seeking PM who is out of touch with reality and the needs and wants of the common people. I do not want to see New Zealand turned into a "little America" where the needs of the people are secondary to the desires of the elite. Do not support this alliance, and for the sake of our children's children, do not ratify the TPPA. For the sake of the people and the country - do not support the TPPA ratification!!</p>
Rebecca Everdon	
Dave Broiles	New Zealand should not be bound to imperial powers and corporate powers of America. They have no right to govern NZ. NZ citizens do not endorse this TPPA and it was done illegally in secret without the knowledge of the people of NZ, therefore we aren't legally bound to the agreement as we never agreed to it. I view it as Hilary Clinton's next step in Pacific imperialism/economic corporate hegemony. Only to be put in place after she wins her rigged American 2016 election. This is all pre-ordained. Dont tread on me Hilary!
KIRSTON RAFFERTY	I don't want my children to be debt slaves to the people who only care about themselves
Rowena Baines	There are so many things wrong with the TPPA. It just can't go ahead
Franziska Poeschl	I think it is important that New Zealand does NOT sign the TPPA because we would not have the freedom to take care of our environment and help fight climate change and make decisions for the good of the country (such as banning roundup and other chemicals backed by big companies). I think that it is unacceptable to increase the costs of life-saving drugs and access to healthcare. Being able to access medication at an affordable rate is one of the main reasons I am proud of NZ. Further, Maori, the Tangata Whenua of New Zealand must have their rights protected. As a country we should be reducing gaps in wealth distribution and weaving bicultural practices into every part of daily proceedings, if not at the very least integrating the three p's of the Treaty (partnership, participation, and protection). The TPPA effectively undermines every one of these principles. TPPA, WALK AWAY!!!
Antoinette Stones	The secrecy involved in this supposed trade deal, is unacceptable in a Democratic Society.
Cherie Wells	I do not support the TPPA in particular the Prime Minister of my country Aotearoa signing the TPP agreement. My Tupuna and parents suffered from discrimination, loss of land, loss of whanau wellness, loss of employment, loss of freedom and much much more caused by the selfishness of the government and crown. I will not let that rape of Mana continue to haunt my Whanau my children or my moko anymore. It has been a curse passed down thru many many generations and now I give it back to you John Key. You are now the government of today and you will bear the scars and hurt of my people of more than 200 years. Tino Rangatiratanga...Power to my people... Cherie Wells...
Michelle Gunn	What !! I can only choose 3 options! Firstly I do not want NZ to be ruled by corporations. I refuse my tax dollars paying some overseas investor being able to sue the NZ govt. 2) I'm not happy that collaboration has not incurred with Maori! TPPA certainly seems to be the rich people's secret. 3) My internet privacy is MY internet privacy. I don't watch anything illegal. Isn't this why the govt already has GSCB..the snoops. 4) I don't like the way this national government is trying to turn NZ into an independent country. Changing our money, removing the queen, trying to change our flag, and all I see is the national government spending... 5) medicines really.... Who's in each others pockets 6) I simply don't believe this is a good move. I find nothing wrong with free trade, but I do have a problem with all these add ons which will lead to poverty, increase the gap between rich and poor, and take away from the Tangatawhenua. We are NZer's, we are leaders, innovators stop trying to make us lambs

Lisa reud	Please think through the worst case scenario if this goes ahead. Don't be naive to think it couldn't happen. Would this be a legacy national wants to be remembered for?
Thelma	We could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. life saving medicines will become more expensive. TPPA threatens our ability to implement real climate solutions.
Victoria Cockle	I see no value in New Zealand being a signatory to the TPPA. The TPPA will allow offshore governments and large corporations have a say in our rules and regulations for this country. I am deeply concerned for example about the issues Australia has been facing with Philip Morris tobacco after legislating for plain packaging. The National government has admitted that prices are likely to rise for pharmaceuticals, and yet has not made a statement about how these increases will affect the taxpayer, nor the users themselves. Above all, the TPPA will threaten our sovereignty - something this country has done once before (and it was a bad deal then too - all this for a less than one percent increase on the country's GPD, That's a stink deal.
Ella Shnapp	decisions that so drastically effect the people - especially in such negative ways as the TPPA will - should only be implemented if requested by the people! TPPA is immoral.
Andrea-Ja Pennt	This isn't a Trade Deal, it's a agreement to sell the entire country.
Melanie McKerchar	I feel very concerned about the New Zealand we are leaving to my children. The TPPA undermines New Zealand's ability to make decisions based on what is best for our country - the environment and the people. We are in unique position in New Zealand where we can be innovative and work to better our stats in regards to treatment of our vulnerable citizens and our vulnerable environment. I am concerned that by signing the TPPA our position to make changes will be affected by corps rate interests, not by humane decision making. Our countries culture should be not be imbedded in who has the most money but who has the most heart.
Nadine	This opens up a whole world of issues from losing who we are as a country to our health care going g down the drain. Big corporate companies dictating what can and can't happen, having our rights taken away and being sold as a commodity. As it is our government doesn't care about us as people and this just goes to further that.
Ruth Halsey	I have cut and pasted the words of Dr Jeff Sluka to my submission as i believe they are a concise and accurate summary of what the TPPA is, and how it will effect this country. "The TPPA is a terrible deal which is not mainly about free trade – it is about monopoly and corporate power amounting to a corporate takeover. It primarily deals with establishing a 'partnership' for corporate protectionism. Nations that join must conform their laws and rules to the agreement's strictures, effectively supplanting sovereignty and cancelling our right to be self-governing. It does this by handing foreign corporations the power to overturn New Zealand laws or influence or prevent new laws if their profits are threatened. In this way, the TPPA gives away much of our sovereignty to corporate lawyers and establishes corporate rule over us". (Dr Jeff Sluka)
Natarsha Johnson	There are other ways that New Zealand can grow our economy and participate in the global market, and that would be through eco and cultural tourism. We need to look after our own people first. I am writing against the TPPA agreement because we dont need this type of agreement in our country. It will eventually lead to giving up our Sovereignty to the corporate and greedy enterprise. Please dont do it NZ National governmentf, use your critical minds, think forwardly.
Ellenor Riddle	I do not agree with any outside influence on the lives and democratic rights of any New Zealander. I especially abhor the way this agreement has been set out, it totally undermines every New Zealanders' right to vote for any person they see fit and for the laws that their government enforce. It is not for any entity to say what should laws should be enforced or whether or not they have the right to hold "courts" to circumvent our laws. It is all especially not right that any entity should have the right to withhold any medicine that may increase an individual's quality of life or to save any individual's life. It is also heinous that entities have the right to interfere in our political process especially through financial power' Thank you for your time, E. E. Riddle (Very Concerned New Zealander)
Brett Antonovich	I say no to tppa
Nganeko	im fully against it! standing amoung those that dont agree with the decission of the whole idea of the tppa! nz will keep fighting because its our future !!!
Ross S.	Our country is already overly influenced by corporate ambition. The TPPA will only give them more power, to our nation's disadvantage. The whole world is deeply disillusioned by where this agenda has led us over past decades; in environmental, social and prosperity terms. History has already proven that the oft-proclaimed economic benefits from international Trade Treaties (like NAFTA) are unrealistic bait for the uninformed and naive.

Here's one reason for objecting to the TPPA. February 17, 2016 | By Jeremy Malcolm Sneaky Change to the TPP Drastically Extends Criminal Penalties When the text of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was first released in November last year, it included provisions dictating the kinds of penalties that should be available in cases of copyright infringement. Amongst those provisions, the following footnote allowed countries some flexibility in applying criminal procedures and penalties to cases of willful copyright infringement on a commercial scale: With regard to copyright and related rights piracy provided for under paragraph 1, a Party may limit application of this paragraph to the cases in which there is an impact on the right holder's ability to exploit the work, performance or phonogram in the market. Following the footnote back to its source, it is apparent that the reference to limiting "the application of this paragraph" is to a more specific list of criminal procedures and penalties that the parties are required to make available in such cases. Paraphrased, these are: sentences of imprisonment as well as deterrent-level monetary fines; higher penalties in more serious circumstances, such as threats to public health or safety; seizure of suspected infringing items, the materials and implements used to produce them, and documentary evidence relating to them; the release of those items, materials, implements and evidence for use in civil proceedings; forfeiture or destruction of those items, materials and implements; forfeiture of any assets (such as money) derived from the infringement; and the ability for officials to take legal action against the alleged infringer on their own initiative, without requiring a complaint from the rights holder (this is called "ex officio action"). As of the date of writing, the text excerpted at the top of this page is still the version of the text found on the United States Trade Representative (USTR) website. However on January 26, a slightly different version was uploaded to the website of the official host of the agreement, New Zealand. This version provides: With regard to copyright and related rights piracy provided for under paragraph 1, a Party may limit application of this subparagraph to the cases in which there is an impact on the right holder's ability to exploit the work, performance or phonogram in the market. Spot the difference? No? Let's try again: With regard to copyright and related rights piracy provided for under paragraph 1, a Party may limit application of this subparagraph to the cases in which there is an impact on the right holder's ability to exploit the work, performance or phonogram in the market. What does this surreptitious change from "paragraph" to "subparagraph" mean? Well, in its original form the provision exempted a country from making available any of the criminal procedures and penalties listed above, except in circumstances where there was an impact on the copyright holder's ability to exploit their work in the market. In its revised form, the only criminal provision that a country is exempted from applying in those circumstances is the one to which the footnote is attached—namely, the ex officio action provision. Which means, under this amendment, all of the other criminal procedures and penalties must be available even if the infringement has absolutely no impact on the right holder's ability to exploit their work in the market. The only enforcement provision that countries have the flexibility to withhold in such cases is the authority of state officials to take legal action into their own hands. Sneaky, huh? This is a very significant change. Let's look at an example of how it might work. Take a website that shares multilingual subtitle files for movies. Although a technical copyright infringement, there are many legitimate uses for these files; for example, they allow you to lawfully purchase a foreign movie that isn't available in your own country, and then to add subtitles to view the film in your own language. The sale of such subtitle files is as good an example as any of a niche service that copyright owners have never bothered to commercially fill, and probably never will, particularly for less commonly spoken languages. Under the TPP's original terms, a country could limit the exposure of the owner of such a website to prison time, or to the seizure and possible destruction of their server, on the grounds that by definition their infringement didn't cause any lost sales to the copyright owner. (Note that they would be liable for civil damages to the copyright owner in any case.) Although a country still has the option to limit criminal penalties to "commercial scale" infringements (which is so broadly defined that it could catch even a non-profit subtitles website), the new language compels TPP signatories to make these penalties available even where those infringements cause absolutely no impact on the copyright holder's ability to profit from the work. This is a massive extension of the provision's already expansive scope. A Devious Move How could this happen, when the TPP had supposedly already been finalized when the original text was released in November? The answer is that the original text had not been "legally scrubbed." The legal scrubbing process, which was ongoing from November until the re-release of the text last month, was meant to be a process in which lawyers, trade ministry staff, and translators, go over the deal word-by-word, to ensure that it is legally consistent and free of unintended errors or loopholes. It is most certainly not an opportunity for the negotiators to make any substantive changes to the text. Since the change highlighted above is unarguably a substantive change, the only basis for the change to be made during legal scrubbing would be if it were an error. But is it an error? We don't know for sure—though EFF has contacted the USTR for clarification, and we will update this post if we receive an answer. But logically, the original text doesn't seem to have been an error, because there seems to be no rational basis why countries should be allowed to limit the availability of ex officio action, but not to similarly limit the availability of the other criminal remedies. Think about it. What sense is there in sending someone to jail for an infringement that causes no harm to the copyright holder, whether they complain about it or not? And why should it matter that the copyright holder complains about something that didn't affect them anyway? Surely, if the copyright holder suffers no harm, then a country ought to be able to suspend the whole gamut of criminal procedures and penalties, not only the availability of ex officio action. This is no error—or if it is, then the parties were only in error in agreeing to a proposal that was complete nonsense to begin with. But most likely, this is an underhanded attempt to renegotiate the Trans-Pacific Partnership before its ink is even dry. In an agreement that

	was an undemocratic power grab from the outset, this devious move marks the lowest point to which the negotiators have yet sunk. It gives us all even more reason, as if any were needed, to demand that our representatives refuse to ratify this dreadful agreement. The other main reason is that Mr. John Key is not a fit person to represent iwi and our country internationally. Anything he is involved with is treacherous to New Zealand
Kellie Geraghty	Greetings, I have never before felt the need to voice my opinion in regards to what the Government is doing. But I have serious concerns about the TPPA. I am worried that any corporation can sue us. We are a small country and I feel that we would never recover if companies from countries in this agreement sued us for EXPECTED loss of earnings. This is such a farce. What I would like to see is a renewal date/clause added. IF the Govt feels that this is in our best interest, (which I feel it isn't) to sign this agreement then can they not put a Right to Renew date? I am not saying go ahead and sign it. I am saying if it does get signed then give us a small back door. That way I understand it to be now is that once you have ratified it and signed it that's it. It is a done deal and there is no getting out. This concerns me. Put an end date and re-sign if it is as goods as the politicians say it is. (Which I doubt) Don't lock us and our future into something that the world is saying is so bad. Don't bow down to the BIG money companies. Open your eyes. America is trying to gain control over the world through Trade Agreements. Not only the TPPA. You the Govt are meant to be the ones that stand up and fight for us, not the ones that ignore us and do the exact opposite of what we say. Please think before you sign this dodgy deal. Regards Kellie Geraghty
frith kitching	I would have ticked more of these options if I could have....Amazing a world wide protests ...doe say it all
Anita Maitland	This has been all kept under wraps making it very suspicious. We do not trust you anymore, so this should not go ahead at all.
Helen Anderson	We need to have a public referendum on this subject! How dare the government not give the people of New Zealand a voice on this matter when it will affect our lives so incredibly!
Carolyn Casey	I have serious concerns about NZ signing and ratifying the TPPA. I am concerned the Treaty of Waitangi will be undermined. I am concerned our environment protection laws will be undermined. I am concerned medicines will cost more. I am concerned about the secrecy of the process leading up to the signing.
natarsha	I don't feel that New Zealand and the people in it deserve to have no say in the country they live in, I believe that the political people (John Key) should think more about our future of our country and its people more than the power and money they would get for achieving this. I don't agree with the TPPA and I and my family are strongly against it and all it stands for.
Sigi Hesse	I fear that when the TPPA is signed by NZ, New Zealand will lose its sovereignty. The people will lose democracy as their decisions will be overwritten by TPPA agreements (that the people didn't decide for in the first place). I don't even like to think about implications for our environment and climate change as these could be catastrophic when made by big money-hungry organisations that have no ethics and no intentions to protect our planet. We shouldn't be punished and paying external investors when they don't get the profits in NZ as they envisioned, we should be protecting and supporting our economy and our people. Kind regards, Sigi Hesse

	I respectfully request: That you, as our elected representatives, take an active role in ensuring that the negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) are opened to transparent and participatory processes from this time forward. We are told that the TPPA is supposed to be a 21st century trade agreement. For us, such an agreement must address the challenges that will shape our livelihoods, communities and our planet over the next ninety years - climate change, financial instability, indigenous rights, sustainable livelihoods, food sovereignty, energy scarcity, pandemics, insecurity, inequality and poverty, and impose constraints on corporate greed. Instead, we understand that the proposed TPPA would intrude far behind our national borders to not only restrict our financial regulation and grant new rights for foreign investors, but also limit how things like healthcare, energy, natural resources and culture will be regulated; how our tax dollars may be spent; what sort of food safety and labelling will be allowed; whether medicines will remain affordable; and more. What is being proposed and the way it is being negotiated are undemocratic and hypocritical. First, a TPPA would bind our domestic policies and laws for decades ahead; even when an elected government has a different mandate or faces new realities, its hands will be tied. Second, New Zealand's obligations under the agreement would be enforced in international, not domestic courts: as a minimum, the government could face trade sanctions if it failed to comply; and, at worst, foreign investors could sue the government in a secret international court to enforce their special new rights. Third, the proposed trade treaty aims to give foreign investors guaranteed rights and enforcement powers that are currently denied to Maori under the Treaty of Waitangi. Fourth, these negotiations are being conducted in secret, something citizens and legislators would never tolerate for new domestic legislation. A more transparent TPPA process would provide some basic safeguards against errors and identify risks that may not be apparent to negotiators and the government. It could also help convince people that a TPPA really will replace the past trade pact models that benefitted and privileged special interests and multinational firms. The excuse that greater transparency would undermine negotiations presumes that these proposals would not survive the sunshine of scrutiny. Even the World Trade Organization (WTO), hardly renowned as a bastion of transparency, now posts country documents and negotiating texts on its website for scrutiny. If politicians and negotiators cannot convince the public through robust, open and informed debate about what is being negotiated in our name, the talks should not proceed.
Andreas Schedel	This NZ Government have no rights to speak for Tangata whenua, Mana WHENUA of Aotearoa HAWAIKI Nui with any country in the world over serious issues like TPPK.. Over the years they have been gathering and talking to the wrong people over Tangata WHENUA issues those Maori did not have the right to talk for me or our Haapu???NO TPPA NO MORE CONTROL OVER TANGATA WHENUA
Peter Roberts	Although the entire TPPA is flawed in my view, my chief concerns are to do with our rights to use natural medicine which I have found to be far more effective and side effect free than the Pharmaceutical ones . In fact it is obvious that the latter are targeted at money making not curing as few of them cure they just mask symptoms. This is coupled with the worry that our seed supply will be corrupted by the mega Monsanto and similar corporations using their right to sue for harm to their profits. As we are an Island Nation it is extremely important to me THAT WE KEEP GMO CROPS OUT OF NEW ZEALAND it is the only way the future WORLD will be able to source clean seed as the idiots who have let these loose overseas, have not realised how much harm they are doing to the crops that are out there, let alone what they are doing to the BEES . In New Zealand we hold elections every 3 years for the government that will run the country, We need to be able to ensure that right continues and not put the fortunes of our country in the hands of some foreign corporate board simply pursuing profit at the expense of our health wealth and well being. P J Roberts
Michael Pritchard	I strongly oppose the TPPA for the following reasons. 1. New Zealand law must originate from within New Zealand in all cases. There is no logical, ethical, or moral basis for this to otherwise, and yet the TPPA explicitly states an intention to corrupt this necessity by allowing foreign corporations to have a disproportionately large stake in New Zealand governance and legislative precedent. 2. The separation of commercial interests and state interests is as fundamental to successful democracy as the separation of church and state. The TPPA is a step backward in this regard, by allowing corporations disproportionate and inappropriate influence over NZ sovereign interests. Corporations should not and must not have any control or influence over law: that power belongs to, and must remain with, the governed populace through their elected representatives. The TPPA explicitly corrupts this necessity. The TPPA is most accurately described as a "blasphemy to democracy" in this regard. 3. Elementary logic tells us that economic interests are secondary to environmental interests, since any economy cannot exist without a functional environment. The TPPA has clearly been written with short term commercial profit as a stated higher priority than the preservation of both the global and local environments, and as such is unacceptable. As much as I don't wish to dredge through such a poorly constructed and intentionally obfuscative document as the TPPA's current version text, I'm willing to provide substantiative citations for these points and claims if doing so would support their resolution (i.e. formal rejection, or adequate modification of the TPPA). Sincerely, Michael Pritchard (Reachable via tppafacts.co.nz)
Amber	Hi, I'm highly upset of how selling our rights would impact my children, you need to see how TPPA is a one sided deal. Please reconsider this before you take my voice my children future and the rights of many Maori New Zealands,

Amanda	"TPPA will bring stagnation on actions to control the products that make people sick in the first place - tobacco control, managing junk food advertising to children and cutting down on fossil fuels being turned into carbon emissions and climate change." - Doctors For Healthy Trade NZ I worry about the effect on low income earners with the price of prescriptions medication and healthy food.
Alice Engel	My big concern is what this will do to New Zealand as a country and what it means for its people. I am very angry that all this has been negotiated in secrecy and feel that Key is failing New Zealanders and has shown his arrogance and lack of respect by continuing without the consent of the people he is supposedly representing.
martin purcell	Everyone has already spoken. Not much to add really
Makayla	I STRONGLY DISAGREE WITH THE TPPA!
Laura	New Zealand has always been the first to stand up against injustice and say 'No!'. We have been the first on numerous occasions to stand up to protect our country and our rights, even when our trade deals have been threatened. As we move closer to corporatised totalitarianism, we find our leaders all share similar traits, connections and Wall st. histories. Thomas Jefferson summed it up well when he said "The death of democracy will fall when the government falls into the hands of lending institutions and moneyed incorporations"
daniel	No real newzealander with a clue of whats going on wants the tppa to be signed, john key is doing it for money not for the people of NZ. im 18 and smart enough to know the corruption behind this deal. STOP THE TPPA!
Marnie Reid	I am AGAINST the TPPA, Surely a free trade agreement should be for the betterment of the whole society, not just the enrichment of foreign corporates. The tiny blip of gain hardly bears mentioning. The things that could go wrong enormous, have some imagination please, or will you be like the fools that built Fukushima... There are only three chapters on actual trade, the rest are messing about with Pharmac, intellectual property, etc, what in gods name is that all about. National, do not let this be your legacy, my childs unborn children implore you Marnie Reid
Ashley Honeywell	I'm a 21 year old from rural Canterbury, not exactly a rosy position right now. We already face so many challenges from resource management to soil and waterways contamination to the economic and wellbeing hardships farmers are under. I'm also a student working part-time for an education company. I follow the predictions for the future of jobs with increasing automation, and the feeling of insecurity from all of this can only become compounded I fear under the restrictions we may face by ratifying the TPPA. The inappropriate use of ISDS clauses and other backdoor negotiations including that for the deal itself have made a farce of our open democratic process. Worse than that however, is the potential to be hamstrung in the future regarding legislation my generation could be prevented from passing for our national interest, if it is superseded by corporate interest. This is a very scary and daunting possibility that could set back conservation, economic, and cultural progress by tying us to the current business norm. That is not the future I see for my world, and would be in the eyes of the youth to be an unforgivable smear on the character of today's leaders should the TPP be ratified.
Angela Hodge	David Lange did not let USA boss us around so why are we letting outside interests have such a powerful hold over our nation. Yes the trade would be good but at what cost. Corporate greed is behind the TPPA. Why should we be lining their pockets. Why are the never been held accountable for there unscrupulous actions. When the global financial crisis happened were the practices of the bank brought into question for their hand in it? We should set ourselves apart from the group and not be a lemming lead to the slaughter. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
Mary Burnett	We are a proud and independent country and the TPPA threatens this. NZ does not need all these outside influences and trade agreements. We could be self-sufficient if everyone so desired.
Christiane Winter	Undermining of democracy, now and particularly in the future, thus loss of our sovereignty. Giving corporations power they never should have. As life-long users of alternative medicines that does not fill the big corporations pockets, I am worried that easy and cheap access will be curtailed. ETC....
Olivia Kaeppli	New Zealand should be clean, green and free. The TPPA will take away our say and ruin the Nz we know and love!

John Whiu	I oppose the TPPA, the people who've signed this document deserve to have their names placed on "Wanted Posters"; no doubt they will be immortalized as hero's.... All this aside- My oppositions is a result of our current government becoming Autocratic, and the politicians hedging their own futures before the citizens they represent. 100 people stand on a cliff edge they know its dangerous, and 1 guy says "It's OK until someone falls"... I feel I do not have a say in how my future should be, under this current government; we have no say on democratic issues the we are so opposed to...our politicians have forgotten what they are here to do...represent the people.
Vlad	NZ is a unique and remote country! There is no other place in the world like it! NZ goverment - "Dont spit in the well" please! your children will drink of it very soon!
Nicole	I am offended with the undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) as it is sneaky and suspicious. It makes me question the credibility of the New Zealand government and brings into question the integrity with which they run the country. The impact it will have on our public health and medicines will be detrimental to our right to choose which treatments and therapies are best for us. I do NOT want corporate power and influence over the political process as this will have a hugely negative impact on societies and the people of the countries which choose to sign the agreement. It is a total violation of human rights and protection of the citizens and residents of countries under the agreement. The people should have a voice and rights in our future, not corporations. That's not democracy.
Ipu Absolum	a. 29.6.1. Gives the government more powers, without consultation, to continue to make policies and laws in regards to Maori, like the Ture Whenua Act, the sea-lords deal, the foreshore and seabed and all other laws for Maori, which limits Maori from engaging in the political processes for their descendants. b. 29.6.2...tuatahi. 'the interpretation of the Treaty of Waitangi legitimately affirms the right of the government to interpret all articles of the Treaty, on their terms, and to decide on the nature of Maori rights in order to fulfil their obligations under the treaty. For approximately 170 years, all NZ government interpretations have breached the treaty over and over again and they continue to do so in the Reformed Ture Whenua Act among others. The government's interpretation of the Treaty cannot be challenged in a dispute, which limits Maori engagement in political process. c. 29.6.2...tuarua which states that 'the rights and obligations arising under it shall not be subject to the dispute settlement' implies that all disputes, as there will be many between Maori and government, will be attended to internally. Maori matters will be denied access to international dispute settlement, the TPPA under this government is another vehicle to colonisation, suppression, oppression and government tyranny. Tikanga of kaitiakitanga, rahui, takutai moana, mana whenua when applied to the environment will have no value under TPPA, the landscape that provides us with our identity and our connections to our tupuna, to our uri, and the landscape that is critical to our health- spiritual, physical, mental and emotional. d. 29.6.2...tuatoru At the end of it all, there will be very little returns for Maori, corporations will take their funds off-shore, lands, forests, rivers and seas will be raped and we will be left with a very toxic environment.
Hector Soares	I am absolutely against the TPPA. We should be negotiating with each country individualy. I am relatively in favour of existing free trade agreements although there should be a common minimum wage at least.
Bronwyn Jones	I am writing to oppose the TPPA as I am concerned about New Zealand's loss of Sovereignty and the fact that large Corporations in the United States can sue our Government,(as they have in many Countries in the World), who have seen how unfair some of the agreements actually are, and have tried to amend them. The ordinary Citizen will have less rights in our Country than they already do now!
Natalie Kulborisova	I think that TPPA should not be ratified in New Zealand, NZ is a member of WTO and we need to protect our country, our people and our children, our sovereignty. Corporate power will spoil our political and economical process, and that all will influence life and climate in New Zealand.
Julia Hines	How can one government get away with signing a deal that will prevent and force future governments and our future generations to have legislation dictated to by large corporations therefore making NZ pretty much owned by large corporations? We are a tiny blip in the major corporations of the worlds eyes and we will just get stood over as we wont be able to afford to be sued for changes to the law agreed upon by New Zealanders. If this deal is signed it takes away democracy and our sovereignty- we might as well just become another state of America. The NZ government needs to admit we are only tiny and needs to stop trying to play with the big boys and get real. As a country we have/are standing up and saying no! If this government is working for the people and future of this country they need to listen and consult with its people.
Juliet Hutana	my land my people your looking after us keys go away

Dave	NZ should be able to stand alone and not join the American bullying corporate machine. We should be proud of this nation's unique qualities and not become part of the americanised world. The TPPA throws democracy in the bin. We never had a say in it and it was all in secret. The government should be ashamed.
Elisabeth Tovey	It seems to me that TPPA that will restrict choices and decisions that our national government will be able to make as there will inevitably be restrictions by the international agreement. This will affect trade, climate change decisions, pharmaceutical and health issues., and will no doubt have many more implications as we , as a small nation become a very small voice in a very large 'pond'.
Frank wright	We don't need multinational conglomerates having the ability to sue our little country to the point of strangulation- some of these companies probably have a higher annual turnover than our entire GDP. We also don't want these companies to have the power to charge extortionate prices for medicines and medicinal products that are already very high. Furthermore this "Agreement" totally undermines the treaty of Waitangi!!!!!!
crystal	I am upset at the way the TPPA is being rushed through without appropriate consultation with all New Zealanders. This affects us all and we deserve a fair say!
Jesse Richards	The TPPA is a disgusting trade agreement that spits in the eye of our Democracy and Nation. Not only does it threaten our sovereignty, economy, and environment, it will be detrimental to the people of the nation. It rips the treaty of Waitangi to shreds and it threatens our freedom both online and offline. it is a tool and gateway for corruption for corporate greed.
Janine Smith	Our political processes should be free from any corporate interference and influence, especially from overseas. The government of NZ was elected by the people to work for the people. Having secret negotiations, not asking the people what they want and making decisions that effect the population on such a huge scale without their input is wrong and undemocratic. New Zealand rules itself, our politicians used to have the guts to stand up to the rest of the world on behalf of the people. We don't need politicians who will bow and scrape to other countries just for a few dollars whilst selling out the values and origins that makes us a strong New Zealand nation.
Susan	The voices of the people should be heard. Enough New Zealanders feel this treaty has many defects, and therefore should not be approved as it presently stands.
Max Coyle	I am opposed to the signing of the TPPA in its current form due to; The loss of our sovereignty. The threat to climate action and our environment. The cost to consumers for copyright extensions. Internet protections and privacy. The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi. The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations). ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) provisions. The impact it will have on our public health and medicines. Corporate power and influence over the political process.
Sophia Bicoy	Things need to be done for the betterment of our society and it's people.
catharina zuidgeest	Hear our voice! Please stop it now, do it for our children and their children.
mr kelvin mckenzie	systematically speaking from a disabled point of view your fundamental faculties do not collaborate with my highly intellectual philosophifications
Richard Smart	I dont believe it is in the best interests of New Zealanders to conform to what is mostly a USA and corporate scheme loosely disguised as a purely trading agreement. Under no circumstances should Giant corporate's have any say over our laws. In New Zealand we need protection from corporate exploitation and not to be exposed to it by our own government. Giving anyone, Government or Corporate, the ability to have control or influence on regulating any parts of the internet is tantamount to censorship and is bound to be abused. SOS
Takau Nia	I feel really uncomfortable and do not agree with our government signing this trade deal. We could do with the general public being aware of what it will mean to us as a country and why it's so important for us to sign it. It seems as though the government has perfectly timed the possibility of a new flag to keep people's attention while they are signing up for a deal we have minimal details about. It truely feels like our government is working for them selves and lining the pockets of large corporations. patting each other on the back for doing what ever they like and giving themselves a pay rise for it.. I'm truely worried for the future of our family and of my children and grandchildren to come.
Thomas Hudson	I have just got home, to New Zealand. After 2 years of travelling. I have seen the planet being destroyed, corruption and greed. All in the name if profit. A few at the top get rich and throw us, the middle class, the scraps. Lets not let this happen in New Zealand. Please!

Margret hiroki	Unfair, unjust, government need to listen to the people of New Zealand
Nicolette Winona Gladding	We are a small but mighty country that has always pulled well above its weight. We're all proud of that. But the TPPA puts our ability to do that - and a whole lot more - at risk. There has been little or no discussion about how the physical size of this country and the size of its economy will influence how the TPP agreement impacts on our country. I am no expert but it seems obvious: We are a small country in terms of our landmass, leaving us vulnerable to complete foreign ownership in generations to come. It is unlikely that America or Australia would ever suffer that fate. We are also a small economy - a fraction of the size of the big multinationals. Unlike the larger economies signing up to this deal NZ can not afford to take on Monsanto or Rio Tinto through the ISDS. For those of you interested in money and little else: you will have seen organic milk flying off the shelves and the hordes of Chinese arriving from their smog cloaked cities? We have a chance to capitalise on this; to retain our status as a clean, safe and mighty little nation; to grow our tourism industry on that reputation and sell our organic milk to the world at a premium. The TPPA undoubtedly reduces our options and puts this future at risk. We need not follow the hordes and fear what might happen if we stand on our own and follow a different path. How proud are we of kiwi cricket because one man showed some leadership and decided to play the game a little differently? Very! And as a country we can do the same. So please ministers, have some vision. Let's retain our ability to make ballsy decisions: Nuclear Free, GM free, to lease rather than sell to foreign investors... Let's play the long game and retain the ability to do what is best for our kid's futures. I am asking that the government not sign the TPP. But at the very least please don't be so eager; let's make sure democratic process is followed. Please release the details and have a full and independent risk assessment done on this deal before it is ratified. Thank you Niki Gladding
Sharree rice	This is also a breach of treaty which we need to apply to protect New Zealand's people, land, and resources.
Philip Judge	The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. There is already huge income inequality in NZ. Additionally, corporations are already avoiding tax payments on income generated in NZ - at a time when we can least afford it. Large corporations and investors should be forced to pay NZ rates of tax, in NZ. Additionally, foreign investment in NZ land and resources needs to be limited to create a sustainable, gradual release of our resources over generations- and not the rapid plundering of our environment for foreign corporations to make a quick dollar at our expense. Such an important trade pact, with the potential for far-reaching consequences for NZ and it's public and environment, should have to pass a nationally binding referendum - and not be made by a few politicians, who often are bound by their own world view, and are reluctant to invest thought into opposing viewpoints. These are serious issues for the public, not backroom business deals.
Aisha Hill	The TPPA is a blatant disregard of our democratic rights as citizens of our country to be involved in our countries environmental, (e.g. Pollution, resource depletion) social, (e.g. Health) and economic decisions for now and future generations. I strongly oppose the TPPA and the power it gives to corporations to influence political decisions which are not necessarily in the best interest of NZ for example "fracking" or drilling for oil off our coastlines. The whole process has been a disgrace, and a perfect example of the dishonest, underhand, secretive and manipulative behaviour of the current National government and the TPPA in general. NZ should not now or ever be held to ransom over its constitutional rights to preserve and protect it's identity, environment and social obligations, but the TPPA allows for exactly that by giving power to corporations both here and overseas to sue NZ if we deny them their claim on our economy and assets. I say NO to the TPPA!
Jessica	the loss of our sovereignty, choosing to protect our environment and our people from corporate interest, giving oversea's foreign corporations the right to protest any legislation that is in the best interest of our Country. corporations suing our Govt with more money than we as a nation have. the inequality to basic medical and health that will threaten our most vulnerable. and our treaty will be under threat-we are still trying to make right the injustices done through the treaty without adding more complications.
Bronson Reti	I am against the TPPA as it is not in the best interest of New Zealand and only benefits stock holders
Carolyn McKenzie	I do not believe that this is about trade but is instead the delivery of New Zealand to the Globalists for their control, exploitation and subjugation. We are already under corporate control and this TPP simply prepares us for totalitarian governance!
Marie Venning	The TPPA reflects an ideology which is in stark contrast to our country's history and mores. Instead of participation by the general populace, important decisions are to be made by unknown corporations which in turn will act as an alternative to our elected representatives and on some issues as a proxy government. There is no need for New Zealand to join this nefarious "agreement". As a sovereign, independent country we are free to trade with whichever country suits our needs. For example, India needs milk, Turkey needs our wool. We should uphold our freedoms, hardly won, and refuse to bend to international and current Government pressure to join the TPPA.

Shelly	I strongly DISAGREE with the TPPA agreement - I am a proud maori to be living in this beautiful country I call home. I am a single mother studying full-time to be pen an Oral Hygienist. I am worried for the future of my children and mokopuna, I worry that they will not have the same privileges growing up as I have and I am not happy with the fact that this whole agreement was done in secret- as a member of society I deserve a day just like everyone else who lives and contributes to society and to our economy. I disagree with this agreement - NO TPPA
Halena	I don't want the TPPA as it will not benefit all kiwi. It will take away a lot of important things that New Zealanders have been fighting for. We claim to be all about our environment we even promote ourselves as 100% pure, how can we keep this statement true if companies will be able to stamp on our policy's
Anthony Gray	I have heard plenty of industry professionals, university professors, lawyers even congressmen from the very country that brought this agreement to our table disagree and oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership. The ONLY person who I have heard or seen actively promoting this agreement is John Key. He has TOLD us about the many wonderful things free trade will bring us while accusing all those who oppose it as "anti-trade". We aren't anti trade. We've been saying it the whole time, and he refuses to listen. That is why I'm writing this submission to parliament.
Dorothy Fielding	Corporate power and influence over the political process. The undermining of our democracy, and the loss of our sovereignty.
David Noon	We can see the downside of this sort of agreement already: The Obama government is facing legal action over its halting of a proposed oil pipe line. The German government is being challenged over its cancellation of proposed nuclear power plants. Our government under the threat of legal action from tobacco companies. If we continue with the TPPA we hand over our right to govern our country democratically. Our democracy is not for sale. Do not proceed with the TPPA
Andrew	Just stop this, I don't want this!!
Matthew Lamason	To those considering this legislation: As a New Zealander, I wish to share my deep concern at the passage of the TPP into NZ law. From the outset till now it has been shrouded in secrecy and political babble and spin. It is therefore in democratic and we are left taking the PM and his trade ministers at their word rather than any robust inquiry as to how this agreement will be in the best interests of all New Zealanders. I deeply concerned that this agreement takes a cowboy position telling the public it's all ok when clearly there are current western governments in the process of being sued by large corporate interests via ISD courts. I don't believe this agreement is in the interests of even a majority of kiwis. Those who struggle socially, economically and politically is a growing number. Greater GDP will not aid this group, but diminish them. New Zealand's international credibility on things that matter like justice, climate change action, refugee epidemics and alternative no. 8 wire thinking are being run over rough shod by a ridiculous agenda of economic growth that continues to wreck havoc on our planet. We don't need this agreement in spite of all the spin the free marketeers put on it. This is big interest getting a leg up on everyone else without us the people having a say in it. This agreement has far reaching consequences that once in law will cost this nation so much more to fight and survive against in the future. Like release if GMOs I to the environment, this 30k plus page agreement opens many doors without precaution or any sort of testing or modeling. As the owner and founder of a 10 year old coffee roasting business in Wellington I share none of the feelings of upside currently being peddled in the marketplace about the benefits of the TPP. This is an agreement, not for or about people, it is an economic agenda that serves first and foremost, the corporation. I do not subscribe to this agenda and do not see it as beneficial to New Zealanders or any other human beings on this planet. Please do not allow the lies and shallow spin of the free market agenda to sell New Zealand and this parliament the Trojan horse that the TPP will prove to be. Thank you, Matthew Lamason
tewata ratahi	work choices being systematically cut down to no work choices at all leaving it all up to the employer to determine what a person should be paid & what work you do.
Barbara Townsley	The TPPA is NOT in the interests of New Zealanders and our Government needs to realise that we live in a DEMOCRACY..Keys thinks he has sole say..I SAY NO!!!
Kaylee	The TPPA will ultimately make the rich people even richer, as the govt. is already doing. Corporate companies will be able to sue New Zealand for laws we have on their products (e.g. cigarettes) Our country is democratic we should be able to vote whether we want the TPPA to be signed or not. We as New Zealanders should be able to decide what's good for our country with the help from our government. It almost seems the government is turning on us and not listening to what we're saying.

Robert Miller	My submission does not really fit any of the above headings well. There is an argument against New Zealand being part of the TPPA which is rarely heard, but perhaps ought to be discussed more widely. The TPPA excludes China. It is clear from recent statements of Obama that the TPPA is part of a long-term trade war between "Western-oriented countries" and the BRICS countries. To put it another way, this is a battle for hegemony between the US dollar and the Chinese currency. It is likely grow more intense in coming years. I would have thought it is in New Zealand's long-term interests not to take sides on this area of conflict.
Elizabeth McKenzie	I do not think that our country should give further powers to the multinational companies based in USA. They have too much control now. It could cost us huge amounts of money and increase the price of medicines. I don't approve of the secret Tribunals and Negotiations. We are supposed to be a democracy with freedom of information but TPPA goes against that. There are too many risks for us for a very small benefit. The odds are stacked in favour of the big players who will always do what is in their own interests. Please stop selling any more of our country to foreign investors
Maude Vini	I am very much against secret meetings between Government and business with no mandate from the people of New Zealand, this under mines our sovereignty having some say in our lives. The threat to our climate action and environment by business' which has no stake in the country of New Zealand. Just make mega bucks and take them back and add to their trillion dollar assets overseas. Even our MP's are making money because they will not be accountable to New Zealanders.
Jodi Wareing	The fact that all of the TPPA business has been kept under wraps, when influential people are questioning it from day one, has made me feel like the government is not working in my best interests, or in the best interests of my country. The NAFTA agreements have shown that this does not work in the best interests for the people. We cannot afford to put corporations interests in front of our people.
Rose	I think it is wrong that we were given no information about this deal and the government went ahead and signed it anyway despite the majority of the public against it. Our government is corrupt and we do not live in a free country, despite the image they are desperate to keep. They should help the public, not work against them.
Amber	New Zealand and its rightful people have suffered enough!! This TPPA crap will cause suffering and pain how can man be so cruel to our people and to our future
Sally Widdowson	The TPPA is not just about trade, and indeed due to hard bargaining by protectionist states the trade tariff benefits are quite limited in many key areas. The financial benefits to our exporters are not sufficient to compensate for the potential loss of our sovereignty and our right to democratic self-government without interference from multinational corporations. The profoundly undemocratic ISDS is weighted in their favour, and even the threat of such expensive legal action has been enough to deter us from important public health policies such as following Australia's lead on plain cigarette packaging. Furthermore it is likely to impact on vital climate change legislation and cause problems with Treaty of Waitangi considerations. I am also extremely concerned that we will have no power to limit foreign investment in NZ property. We are a small bLUe proud country and have no desire to be swallowed up by Big Business, but if we ratify the TPPA may become impotent to prevent this. We need to have the foresight and courage to think ahead and cherish our taonga rather than chasing short term economic gain.
Wanita Rarere	I am strongly opposed to the TPPA. I believe it will be extremely detrimental to so many of the wonderful aspects of living in New Zealand. Our nations sovereignty, access to medicine, and equality to all, are among the list of my concerns.
Jennifer Stillman	I wish to object strongly to the ratification of the TPPA, on the grounds that, in many arenas for example, but not certainly not only, through ISDS, through the TPPA provisions re public health and medicine, and because of its potential to limit actions taken to protect our environment, the TPPA represents a significant loss of sovereignty for New Zealand. New Zealand should not be open to external legal action arising from ISDS processes with respect to any decisions we make in the interests of our country, or our citizens. We should also be free to make any decisions with regard to climate change or our environment whether or not this interferes with global business interests. The future of our descendants should not be sacrificed for current gain. With respect to public health and medicines, Mr Key has stated that New Zealanders will not pay more for their medicines (or medical care) under the TPPA. This statement will not be true if, although individuals do not initially pay more, citizens will indeed pay more through their taxes. The retention of our sovereignty outweighs the benefits likely from the signing of the TPPA.
Tessa Silcock	We should be focusing on protecting the environment, not making it harder to use sustainable processes that will protect the earth long term. If there is even a possibility the TPPA would do so, it should not exist.

Jill Balfour-Smith	I see the TPPA as undermining the power of the government of NZ to decide what is best for NZ. I see the agreement as strengthening the powers of global business which represent a tiny percent of the world's population and undermining the power of non-wealthy people in NZ and therefore leads to less democracy.
Julie	The fact we never had a say in this TPPA has caused a massive controversy amongst the NZ people and the government. I refuse to accept the TPPA is for the NZ people! John Key is throwing away our rights, our sovereignty and our freedom to the outside world for what I'm afraid will be our down fall.
Daphne Breden	To call this a Trade Deal is ridiculous. The gains in trade are minimal. This makes agreements with other nations to have protection rights we, the people, do not agree with
James Rust	I am apposed to the TPP and believe the following points to be of considerable concern in particular. The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process Sincerely James Rust
aroha	the threat to climate action and our environment, the impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi and the undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals,secret negotiations)
Erica Kitson	To the National Government, I do not consent to the T.P.P.A. which it seems, National has majority of wealthy businesses backing to increase their wealth at the cost of hard working ground level people. I do not appreciate being told, I can not grow the foods that continue to provide season after season. For company's such as Monsanto, who modify, with abnormal genetic additives, which seem bio warfare and deadly to me. Added to huge companies, Pharmac, to make more profit from the sick and diseased. Who are you kidding! No good will come from being sued as a country, should this Trade Partnership happen. Therefore, as a Nz citizen, I do not consent to this. Regards, E. Kitson
Kylie Gregory	In no way is it ok for Key to sign away our right to run our own country. No other country or corporation should have a say in Aotearoa New Zealand.
Karen Morgan	This TPPA 'agreement' is not in the best interests of 'ordinary' NZ'ers and I don't want it along with millions more of us around the world. Don't do this, don't ratify it, think of YOUR people and do the right thing by us, we pay you to look after our best interests and this TPPA agreement is not a trade deal, its designed to make the rich richer and the poor poorer! I have children and they will have children and this makes me worry even more for their futures, do the right thing by us, I can't say that often enough. Do you want your people to respect you? If you continue along these lines less and less people will respect you and you invite more rebellion and protests! This government has already made a laughing stock of NZ'ers and it has to stop NOW! with respect (only just and running out)
Hone Hohaia	I like my country to be run by the people for the people, not to be dictated to by a few rich corporate greedies...who care for money and nothing else.
Anna Meek	I am against this TPPA.
Tim Rout	To the Members of Parliament of the New Zealand people, The TPPA agreement, as it currently stands, does not provide a significant enough gain for the people of NZ to warrant the losses in terms of ability to govern ourselves without the interference from other state and non-state entities. I have particular concerns regarding the future of healthcare and education in New Zealand as well as direct and indirect foreign investment which should be able to be controlled by us. I urge you not to ratify the agreement and instead return to negotiate a new agreement that truly promotes trade without sacrificing the values and principles of the New Zealand people and the Treaty of Waitangi, such an agreement negotiated in an open and democratic would be a significant improvement upon the current agreement. Regards Tim Rout

Kate Adams	I am seriously concerned about the implementation of the TPPA for the following reasons: We could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the NZ public's interest. Life-saving medicines will become more expensive under the TPPA because competition would be limited. Pharmaceutical companies will be given greater power to control markets and impose higher prices. The TPPA threatens our ability to implement real solutions to climate issues. Large corporations would be able to sue NZ for creating laws that protect the environment. Maori haven't been properly consulted and the Treaty of Waitangi is left open to be dishonoured. Kate Adams I am very concerned that through the TPPA we would be under greater influence of the USA, with little power to resist. This completely undermines NZ's democracy and ability of the government to serve its population the best way possible for the country.
Nigel Cooper	While I understand the government wants better trade conditions, I feel strongly that any major deal that affects every Kiwi ought to be discussed in open debate, or at least in open parliamentary debate, before being signed. This deal was signed in secret, before even our own negotiators knew all the facts, let alone the public knowing them. Operating this way cannot be good for democracy. It's like having a secret deal made to say NZ will be going to war against another country, before anyone had a say in it, or NZ will be going to introduce nuclear power plants and make its own nuclear energy before discussing it in public. Any government which did either of these things would be thrown out of office. The TPPA deal is in that league. You went about it the wrong way. I don't trust you to make the right decisions if you operate that way.
roland millet	I would like to see our government working for the people and not the people working for the government. Before making such decision as TPPA, the people of NZ should be consulted and negotiations done publicly. Mr Key, you are prime minister of NZ just because there is not many alternatives. Democracy ? not really.
Rachel Priebee	People and the environment we live in are far more important than profit. Under the TPPA we will lose far too much, and for such meagre potential gains.
Barbara Barry	This list does not cover all the other thing that we will lose as a result of the TPPA passing. I am furious that we will not know where our food is coming from, what pesticides have been sprayed on them and what GE ingredients are in them. This is a Corporate give away and a threat to our Homeland Security on all levels. I have been strongly against this for the past 3 years and am appalled that our Government would consider giving up so many of our Constitutional Rights to see it passed. Shame on you all!
piet Radford	If the TPPA was so good, then why was it kept secret from the public yet available to the multi-national corporations which it seems designed to serve? It is NOT a trade agreement but more an abdication of our sovereignty and an open door to increasing corporate ownership and control of our country and our lives. It represents a complete denial of Democracy and NZ should withdraw from having anything further to do with it.
Monika Bucher	I am very concerned about the loss of NZ's sovereignty if the TPPA agreement is signed and about the powers of corporate businesses would have over this country's political process. This would completely undermine our democracy, which is in a bad state already, having ignored the majority voice of the people already in some past referenda (i.E Anti-smacking Bill, Gay marriage etc). It is high time that those we elect to lead this wonderful country would protect and treasure the rights of its people and guard it from any influence of power hungry outsiders and corporates. Let's keep New Zealand free of such interference!
Paula	I am also concerned about it undermining our democracy.
Leutu Matautia	JK comments that he is doing this on behalf of New Zealand but ignores to hear how our people are against this!
Rebecca Rika	The TPPA will affect our rights as NZers to have a say over our climate and environment, our lands are tapu (sacred) to Maori history shows that non-maori have been stealing land from Maori for 100's of years TPPA will put our land at risk once more. Tiriti o Waitangi is a legal document that gives Maori control of land rights and interests for Māori TPPA will cause vulnerability to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under te Tiriti or the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and who will have a legal right to pursue their interests through private international mechanisms. Whanau will be expected to pay more for medications and possibly Doctor visits. Low socioeconomic families are currently struggling with day to day basic needs, financial struggles poor housing, transport issues, inability to put food on the table, if medical costs increase these families health issues will increase causing pressure on the health system. NO TO TPPA

Patricia Stewart	I can not support The TPPA for the following reasons. 1. Medical and health charges above what people can pay meaning alot will go without medical treatment Also giving companies,ie;Pharmac carte blanc to do as they please with no accountability is foolhardy. 2.Giving corporations free access to govern NZ on any whim takes away any right the people of NZ have to be able to change it so that sells NZ down the river.Not what my forefathers fought for this country to have happen. 3.Such as this deal was conceived in secrecy I do not agree with anything that has to be secret and dishonest If it is not good enough to have it in the open then it's as dodgey as hell.I do not give my consent to do backroom deals regarding this country be it the government or world corporations tribunals or any secret negotiations NO DEAL.This deal effects so much of what NZ stands proud and is known for that it is a blatant anuse of the NZ people
Diamond	I cannot believe how a Government can get away with something so underhanded and obviously not what the general public want. It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret. There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed. Where is our Democracy? Where have the people been involved? How underhanded and devious. I am ashamed that we have such a shonky Government. This is what happens in places like the Philippines - not NZ!!!
Joe Graddy	The loss of our sovereignty is the biggest issue. The chilling effect of potential ISDS action prevents governments from taking important action. The fact that we are waiting to see the outcome of Australia's battle with Phillip Morris before enacting life-saving plain-packaging tobacco laws shows the chilling effect even now. Large US corporations are already very litigious and will become more so as market saturation is approached. As we start to close down the destructive practices of large corporations, such as offshore oil drilling, advertising to children, plain packaging tobacco, and other commonsense health and environmental issues ISDS claims will mount. We cannot let the enormous financial pressure from these companies obstruct our self-determination. TPPA? No Way.
Ordina de Raad	I am concerned because is been done with little or no consultation with the people of this country.
Valerie Leppard	If Noam Chomsky agreed the TPPA was a good treaty I'd reconsider. Since you cannot convince one of the greatest intellectuals of our time, I remain implacably opposed to the TPPA in its entirety.
Bianca McKinnon-Gee	Dear Sir/Madam, I am submitting my opinion of TPPA as a final act of desperation. I am depressed at the process that has brought the TPPA to our table as yet another issue to deal with for future generations. Climate change is now finally acknowledged as a reality, despite decades of business interests lobbying to protect their short term investment gains at the expense of the planet. The TPPA seems to be yet another tool to facilitate conscience-less actions for profiteering on a global scale. It is difficult enough to lead governments to the brink of acting with the dignity and sense of responsibility those elected should bring to such important jobs. The fact that a government is even able to progress such a potentially long term erosive agreement for our culture, well being and way of life without a referendum makes a mockery of our so called democracy. The wealthy are a minority, and yet they are the ones with the power. The only real way to distribute wealth is through jobs. Living in the real world is a fast lesson in the myth of the "trickle down" effect so callously used to protect the policies that ensures the poverty gap increases. Our manufacturing and product development sectors continue to leach away off-shore along with our knowledge economy when they can't compete and job prospects are dismal. TPPA encourages cheap imports and further undermining of New Zealand's economic independence and employment prosperity for everybody, not just those lucky enough to have a tertiary education. The government take on TPPA providing for future benefit seems at best naive, unwise and optimistic. Enough academics have examined the texts and expressed analysis to indicate an optimistic marketing model is being applied to sell this deal. We are a small country and can't afford the backlash when the reality doesn't match the assumptions applied. And the planet certainly can't afford an agreement that will marginalize preservation of the environment. I don't believe we need TPPA at all. There is more to lose long term than to gain. Yours sincerely, Bianca McKinnon-Gee
Anne-Marie Fair	I am very concerened at the impact the TPPA will have on the Treaty of Waitangi. Proper consultation with Maori over this has not happened to my knowledge. I am also concerned about the threat to our environment. This whole process has been conducted in secrecy, which is not in line with our supposed democracy.
Joanne O'Donnell	I am New Zealand born citizen.So was my parents,grand,great,great great grand pants. I'm am deeply ashamed of how John Key has kept discussions,ideas,& signings under the radar from the public& media. I'm positive I am speaking on behalf of most New Zealanders that have the moral ethics to stand up to what I can see is all about wanting to be like america. I love this country& for what we stand for in other countries eyes. We do not want to be like America,China,or any other money rolling countries.

Diane Gillespie	The TPPA is counterintuitive. Research and great academic minds are against it, so why is the government doing a trade deal that gives us less clout and has a probable negative impact on our environment through quantity not quality? It is about getting sucked into a corporate process of the big fish rather than standing in our own power as a unique country and culture of our own. The amount of opposition to the deal is a message that there should have been and continue to be more discussion and debate around this big issue for our country
Bev Hunt	Do you believe America has any interest in the people of New Zealand.
Kim Salamonson	Why was it done in secrecy and only released full document after signed. It should have been voted on in Parliament at the very least preferably a referendum.
Joshua Jeffery	I strongly disagree with New Zealand signing the TPPA! It has been a process conducted in privacy against the will of many kiwis who have never been included or had their chance to have their say for the future of their country. It screams corporate power similar to be found everywhere in america. A country you could argue that democracy is a bit of a joke. Something, I do not wish for in a country I'm proud to call mine, New Zealand! How, can a select few be able to make a decision so big in the scheme of the future of New Zealand without consulting New Zealand!!!! For this reason alone it should be enough for this to not be accepted. Not too mention the large list negative aspects that can result from the deal being accepted. I do hope for the future of New Zealand and the values we stand for, the decision to fully follow through with the deal is put to a kiwi vote. Let New Zealand decide if it is something we want to sign, not a select few who think they know best for the country.
Julia Colbert	I fear the restricting our country and Government will face now and in the future to govern our own country. Corporates should have no power or influence in any political process. We have already seen the alcohol industry ensure that we do not take measures to protect our population, with the main recommendations of limiting sales, the drinking age being totally ignored in legislation. The TPPA will give foreign multi-national corporations legal power to push through what is good for profit and not for our people. Democracy is no longer alive and well in New Zealand , its just an illusion that the National Government is thumb it nose at. For Gods Sake, please put the long term security of New Zealand and its people ahead of the greed of corporations and of many of our national representatives.
Libby Simmonds	We are a sovereign nation. This government was elected By the People FOR the People. The People do NOT want this agreement. We value our sovereignty, we value our right to make our own choices as to how this country is in the world. The tppa can take this away from us. When will our ELECTED officials listen to us?!
Awhi Lynn Oakley	TPPA is valuing profits for corporations above the well being of all individual ordinary New Zealanders, above the values of egalitarianism, fairness for all and Justice for all, When profit is the bottom line we already see our environment suffering, our food quality suffering, our health and well being suffering , This is utterly shortsighted and under the TPPA, it can only get worse, Wisdom and wellbeing lie in a commitment to make decisions that only look after ALL society members, and our magnificent environment. TPPA only looks after corporate profits.
Silvia Spieksma	TPP is to benefit big coorporations at the cost of our wellbeing and at the cost of working families. TPP is influenced by coorporation executives and industry lobbyists. https://www.facebook.com/senatorelizabethwarren/videos/552955198200311/?pnref=story
Neill Lewis	Please learn from the mistakes made by the British government in the past!! Giving away the rights and privileges our forefathers fought and gave their lives to protect without a fight (with open arms even) is clearly a bad decision and an irreversible one. Please listen to the people and think about not only your own legacies, but also everyone else's children and how this could take away their right to freely make choices without big business or other (external to NZ) influences negatively affecting them!
Jurgen Wulf	How dare you !!! you don't speak for the people of your respective countries ...your a corporation who got slapped by a bigger corporation to bend over for them...this deal and other free trade agreements have ruined our countries and you will be held accountable !!!
Maioha kingi	My main concerns are the impact TPPA will have on our motu, tangata whenua
Dave Brown	I am writing as I feel the TPPA is a threat to the country and the right of duly elected people to make decisions for the improvement and protection of our country and its people. I don't believe that a country should be influenced unduly by large corporations who have only profits as their goal. I also do not agree that such an important decision such as agreeing to the TPPA should be made behind closed doors, I believe this is a real threat to democracy as we know it. I want a ?New Zealand that looks after and respects all its people's and puts them first when making decisions, I oppose the TPPA.

Linda Cottle	I do NOT agree with NZ joining the TPPA - it appears there will be very minimal trade benefits and many dangers entailed, such as corporate power & influence over our political processes, leaving NZ open to being sued if some large greedy corporate thinks they may lose some profits, undermining our democracy, and the loss of our sovereignty. I also care very much about our environment and the damage being done by Big Business, and under TPPA there will be further threats and curtailment of any action to protect our environment. Big Brother surveillance of the Internet I feel is quite a threat to freedom and privacy. NZ does NOT need TPPA - it is just a vehicle for USA Mega Business interests to get control over other countries - it is NOT about trade at all.
Bruce Cheriton	This has been a thoroughly undemocratic process. There is a terrible sense that the TPPA is good for other countries but not ours till 2030 and even that will be modest. The down side of outside control of decision making is undemocratic and nearly Treasonous. The TPPA information for us has been very badly handled. I protested and was called a rent-a-mob. How dear the Prime Minister and Tim Groser sideline me with demeaning insults and put downs. There should have been a vote in Parliament on the signing of the TPPA and whether it should be delayed till America either is in or out and to get a better sense of NZers attitude to it. This TPPA process has been the worst handled agreement I have ever seen come into NZ. Shame on the National Led Coalition Government.
Christine Willis	I am standing up on behalf of my mokopuna. Your signature on that TPPAgreement is null and void, because we are NOT a sovereign nation. Check out the research Ian Wishart from Investigate carried out. Whilst Helen Clarke was the original instigator, John Key is completing the enforced toxic agreement through as quickly as possible.
Adele Geradts	Our government must be an independent and free body able to make the best decisions for our citizens untethered by corporate control. We must have full transparency and right of appeals to any court or judicatory process that our country could find itself in. The costs of medicine must be maintained at an affordable level that allows access to all.
anaru bingham	I have Maori heritage and I don't want to see NZ sold to investors. This is the land that Maori call home and we have nothing else. Other foreigners have their own countries but this is our Motherland.
joseph miru	can we apply breaches of contract under the tppa against the government for breach of due process in a democratic society/ can we apply breaches of contract against the government for the unlawful constitution they apply without the fundamental processes that govern the process for a constitution ? can we apply breaches of contract against the government for Te Tiriti O Waitangi for loss of EVERYTHING under the tppa. can we sue the government for all the atrocities they have committed for the corporates they serve as their MASTERS
toni keenan	NO TPPA
Tui Power	I am highly opposed to the TPPA as it highly agnores the rights and values of All people.Egnoring once again the people.And the generations to come.Think only of a few mainly yourself.Again.Say NO to TPPA.
Christopher Moihi	I live in Aussie I am tangatawhenua of Aotearoha no matter where I chose to live I am Maori. TPPA is not for any country when corpricks say what I can and cannot do freedom of speech, free to grow kai in my garden when i want , to gather kaimoana, fish where and when I want no chat about climate change no mentioned no no no TPPA.
Jonathon Avery	The TPPA concerns me. Although done in secret, the leaked documents and general direction that the TPPA appears to be taking us gives too much power to the corporation. The earth is not for short term profit. The earth is for the sustenance and growth of numerous species. The ISDS is an un-democratic method that undermines the value and significance of society and the environment. We must not be so shortsighted as to give in to this corporate greed.
ANNA-MARIE GERRETZEN	Stop what you are doing to this country. It is not for the great good of this nation to be part of the TPPA. I am concern for future generations in what will be left for them to deal with. It wont be a good out come. STOP! STOP!STOP!
David Thomas	See above
Gayel Collinson.	New Zealand used to be a country that had the courage to stand up for the rights for it's people. Issues such as 'nuclear free' set us apart. The TPPA is more about serving multi national companies, who in truth are rich enough without our help. I do not want to be a part of this agreement as it stands today, it is not designed for my good or the good of my grandchildren.
Jennifer McDonald Moore	After much reading of all views, I think the only benefit seems to be financial, & small gain at that. , certainly not enough to counteract all the disadvantages.

Daniel Smith	The TPPA will increase the costs of medicines plus mean the gov will have to cover some of the costs so the price is kept consistent. We already have less choice available to us than Australia due to pharmacs budget and I feel the TPPA will further cut into pharmacs budget
Catherine Newton	Many years ago I watched a documentary about African countries and their involvements with multinationals. Their lands were becoming deserts and their children were starving. At the time (1970s) I thought thank god we don't have multinationals in our country. Now we do and our lives are becoming increasingly harder than then. Also I read many novels on project Gutenberg most of these will dry up under the TPPA.
Anne Maclean	This makes the government of New Zealand literally spitting in the eye of every voter who does not want this to be a part of our connection. It rubbishes so many links throughout the world that we have paid the price for to obtain. Not taking notice of what is being said against this matter will have horrendous consequences, some of which we have yet to name or understand. NO! NO! NO! to TPPA.
Bevin Hira	I believe if this TPPA comes into effect in 2018, It will be the beginning of the end of New Zealand as we know it, that number 8 wire, go down the beach get a kaimoana, ride on the back of my quad bike, shout you a beer, chur bro we love our backyard persona, we love to show off to foreign friends will start to decline and fade away, and this is why? change is inevitable, but change of this scale is suicide you trying to turn Anzac into Independence day, you changing our piupiu to a komono, you trying to turn rugby into grid iron and this might sound crazy now but this will happen to our beautiful country, you trying to make us something we simply are not. I dont care about all the mumbo jumbo, sneaky behind the door hand jobs you all give yourselves, but when you start messing with the future of my children and their children, well now we have a problem. I dont want to be 60 years old holding my mokopuna's hand looking out the horizon of the Raglan harbour and seeing 10 American oil rigs polluting our environment all because of GDP , and my moko saying "why are they here, Koro" my response would be" because our Goverment sold us out". so my submission is for our future generations, I do not agreed we should be part of TPPA.
Musonda Katongo	I'm not against Free Trade in principle, but I am against secrecy and cronyism in our government. These closed negotiations have resulted in an agreement that puts multinational corporations' interests above those of the citizens of New Zealand. We should not have to choose between trade on the one hand, and open, representative democracy on the other.
mark wedlake	I dont want the flag changed and i dont like the ideals behind tppa. Large corporate companies already dictate what they put in our food sources and im sick of watching corporates buying up all the small companies so larger corporations become mega companies. Its a real concern for my children and theyre children that corporations will dictate if our communities can run Farmers markets. These are one of the ways we have access to organic food at a reasonable cost. The fact that there will be more controls over what pharmaceuticals can be brought here is another reason the tppa is a bad idea. We need the best value medicines not the brands and companies that cosy up to the americans.
maryanna matthews-phillips	Also of great importance is, the threat to climate & our environment, the cost to consumers for copyright extensions, the impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi, the undermining of our democracy(ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations), ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) & the impact it will have on our public health & medicines.

TPP agreement is very little to do about Free Trade and a lot to do with Corporate America trying to create an Oligarchy that would cover 40% of the worlds trade. I have grave concerns not so much for myself as a NZ senior but rather for my grandchildren and their children. If the TPP agreement was to be ratified by all 12 nation parliaments who are signatories to it, it would create a huge trade block and could potentially start a trade war with the rest of the world (60%). The following points of concern I wish noted:

- The US Government is in the process of starting a similar deal with Europe (28 Nations). The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership is a proposed trade agreement with the aim of promoting trade and multilateral economic growth. The American government considers the TTIP a companion agreement to the Trans-Pacific Partnership. The TTIP has little chance of success given the fundamental opposition already voiced by a less politically captured European political system. The European Union does not speak as one on ALL matters. It is essentially an economic grouping of 28 sovereign states. So imagine the disastrous situation NZ traders would find themselves in should the TPPA go into effect and the TTIP does not. New Zealand business, excluding primary industries is far too innovative and valuable to the NZ economy to risk joining such a one sided agreement.
- New Zealand has a highly successful history of bi-lateral free trade agreements stretching right back to the Closer Economic Relations signed and put into effect in 1983. Since then NZ Trade Ministers have signed nine separate free trade agreements culminating in the most successful free trade deal yet: China: New Zealand–China Free Trade Agreement (2008). Even the US has not been able to negotiate such a deal with China. Better we stick to what we do best and what has brought us the best trade outcomes and that is to negotiate bi-lateral agreements with our biggest trading partners
- Legal issues surrounding Sovereignty are at best a mind field and at worst irrelevant to the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) process. When Australia, New Zealand and Canada were devolved from direct Westminster (UK Government rule) Canada and Australia produced written constitutions. New Zealand followed UK's lead and did not produce a written constitution. Only six provisions in New Zealand law are constitutionally entrenched, meaning they can only be changed by a vote of more than 75% of the House of Representatives or more than 50% at a referendum. They are contained in the Electoral Act 1993 (and one in the Constitution Act 1986) o the term of Parliament o the Representation Commission (a committee that determines electoral boundaries) o the division of New Zealand into general electorates o the 5% margin of adjustment of the size of general electorates o the minimum voting age of 18 o the method of secret voting.
- The threat to climate action or rather inaction and our environment is another significant non-negotiable issue. For many of the reasons given above, foreign corporations through use of the disputes procedure can easily defeat any Environmental laws in NZ by either making them irrelevant through the ISDS procedure or worse directly suing the NZ Government (Tax payer) for potential losses (Damages).
- The cost to consumers for copyright extensions. The TPPA seeks to extend the current Copyright protection limits from 20 years (Currently) to 50 years and later to 70 years. The flow on effects of these copyright extensions should be obvious. NZ business would have to wait these ridiculously long periods of time before, for example; a generic drug could be manufactured or Monsanto seed control would be invalidated. A cursory look at the list off patents and copyrights belonging to US Corporate Entities and US Government compared to a list of NZ patents and copyrights would indicate an overwhelming advantage to the US.
- Internet protections and privacy have already been compromised by the National Government signing of the five eyes agreement. The Government Communications Security Bureau Act 2003 as amended in 2013. That amendment brokered by John Key's National Government significantly strengthened the Act. That in turn immediately elevated New Zealand's security risk by closer association, in the eyes of those groups fighting the US around the world. We are now well and truly on the "terrorist's radar as a result of both GCSB amendment bill and the "Five Eyes intelligence alliance between: o Australia o Canada o New Zealand o United Kingdom o United States.
- The above countries are bound by the multilateral UKUSA Agreement, a treaty for joint cooperation in signals intelligence which to this day remains one of the most comprehensive known espionage alliances in history
- Te Tiriti an agreement between Maori and The Sovereign of UK should not be allowed to be threatened by any Foreign or Domestic Corporate ambitions or agenda. Given that there is considerable legal dispute over the legality of the NZ parliament itself following devolution from UK sovereign rule (See legal issues above). Maori Business has not been shown by the NZ Government to benefit in any substantially improved economic sense through free trade under the TPPA. Neither it appears do other indigenous peoples of the TPP member countries.
- There is no room in modern democracy for secrecy on the part of Government except in extreme issues of national security. The fact that the TPP has been negotiated in secrecy, away from public scrutiny shows the arrogant disregard corporate interests and through them government politicians have for the democratic process. The undermining of our democracy through secret tribunals, secret negotiations and secrecy in general cannot be accepted by any society founded on democratic principles supported by the rule of law.
- The ISDS concept is totally unacceptable as a means of settling TPP disputes. It (ISDS) is worse than a kangaroo court and does not exist in any other free trade agreement in the world. ISDS cannot be allowed to exist in the TPPA.
- Given the requirement to extend copyright from 20 to 50 and then 70 years simply means that the US Corporate interests (The greatest owners of copyright) will be able to control prices far and beyond any reasonable recovery of development costs or intellectual property rights allowed previously. The impact this will have on small countries like New Zealand will mean both increasing costs on our public health and medicines bill and the gradual loss of control and effectiveness of Pharmac. As a side but important issue the mega corporations that now control news, sport and entertainment will further erode any chance of an independent 4th estate. Additionally, by

	expanding internet control by corporate interests exercising power through money the 5th estate will have reduced political/social effect leading to, as mentioned above, a total oligarchy by multi-national corporate interests.
Quinn	We deserve the right to freedom
Kim Phillips	There are more and more people coming here that need to be educated about our country and about our culture in New Zealand and to show more respect to our culture.
Daniel	I oppose the TPPA as I worries me the influence multinational corporations could have on NZ's policy making to protect and maintain our environment to the mostly pristine and precious asset we are able to enjoy. I oppose the TPPA because it worries me the lengths large corporations will go to profit over exploiting the environment and if they are not able to get their way, then the possible lawsuits large sums of money can bring about to the detriment of NZ. Dan Summerfield.
R A Donald	The decision making process was badly handled. The citizens of New Zealand could have received a summary of the aims and issues and updates as the talks continued. We are now subject to the commercial decisions of a corporate oligarchy with little regard for other issues such as climate action, our environment, our health, our education and our quality of life.
Emma Walter	To whom it may concern, As a New Zealand citizen, I wish to convey my absolute rejection of the TPPA as my democratic choice. I feel it is highly irresponsible to be acting, as politicians and fellow citizens, for an agreement which has been severely criticised by top economists, health professionals, law scholars and political commentators, ALL condemning of the TPPA. I am not anti-free trade agreements, yet this agreement seems to have an obvious lack of impartial accountability and seems to only serve the interests of corporations and companies that atypically act dismissively and smugly towards any accountability when it comes to impact on nation's sovereignty, the environment, and the access to basic rights for the health and well-being of people. The process of 'accountability' can hardly be called that when complaints can only be made to a 'judge, jury and executioner' paid for by the very corporations that intend to capitalise. As a small nation, to adhere to certain principles that are fundamentally needed for the well-being of our tourism and environmental interests can potentially cripple our economy should some company choose to sue for RECEIVED lack of profits. There has also been no evidence that New Zealand stands to gain a noticeable financial or economic windfall as a result of this agreement but there is definite evidence that it stands to cost us a huge amount and that's not even taking into account the potential environmental damage or impact on the health and well-being of the citizens of Aotearoa. You are making decisions (short-sighted ones I might add) that are being set in stone that future governments cannot ratify. Where is the wisdom in this? Things change and so do the needs of New Zealand and its people. This agreement prevents us from bending to what suits, therefore only causing more damage. I absolutely state my complete and utter lack of support for this agreement and wish for a decent amount of common sense and wisdom to be seen in parliament before it's too late. I hope a healthy conscience rules on the day and we see this agreement go back to the drawing board where a fair and truly accountable understanding can be reached with our friends in other countries.
Christine Cranch	I wish to clearly voice my opposition to this government signing the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement. I am not against free trade. I welcome free trade, however free trade should never compromise a countries ability to self govern. This is a loss of democracy. I do not want large, rich, impersonal multinational corporations dictating what we can or can not do in our own country. Where does the word "free" exist for us in this situation? Free trade should not require a country to relinquish their sovereignty, nor bind future generations to an agreement that will lead to multinational corporate power influencing every aspect of our country in unprecedented ways. We run the risk of being serfs in our own country. I strongly urge this government to pursue free trade agreements with countries and corporations that respect a countries right to self govern.
Rob Stowell	I'm generally in favour of freer trade. But this agreement does far too little to free up trade, and far too much restrictive regulation. It will restrict innovation and could prevent NZ from looking after the interests of its people and land.
Peter Cowton	The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms
Putiputi Thompson	I feel that all these things will undermine our people and so many have opposed TPPA that their voices should be heard as well as mine. Th treaty of WAitangi has been signed by OUR queen and should not be changed in any way. I am disgusted that big businessess will have so much power over our grandchildren in the future and that it cannot be changed or got out of in the future once it is seen to damage our choices that our soldiers fought for idn the two world wars. There will be no democracy with it and no freedom Pivacy will go out the window and there is a lot more that can be said against it. No room here. I say NO to TPPA .

Ramon Taua	This is treason our country is being sold and undermined JK and his cronies need to be in jail.
Lee martinson	You and I both know that this is not for the greater good of the country.
Ben Godsall	The future citizens of our country shouldn't have to suffer because of present greed.
Caron Taana	Loss of sovereignty,, undermining NZ's democratic process by allowing corporate power influence our political processes. Costs to the taxpayer for health and medicines are major concerns.
Vicky Kyan	I object to the TPPA and to global corporate domination. We MUST retain our right to our own sovereignty and decisions focussing on the protection of Nature and health and welfare of all living beings. We must honour our ancestors and our children and keep our freedom to choose outcomes that serve our peoples and our land.
Aletta Du Preez	Please, do not let our children look back on the TPPA as a huge mistake for NZ! We can predict the impact signing this will have on rising medical costs and how a company can now sue our government - future generations will not believe how intelligent politicians could sign the TPPA.
Melanie Glass	Unfair that N.Zers did not really know what was in the TPPA agreement and not consulted with and allowed to vote on it. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. I am worry Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. I have a daughter and a child on the way so want to know our environment protected.medicine prices could go up and patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. This is a important issue to me as my niece has type 1 diabetes to relies on medicines to survive. 10. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. The last thing I want N.Z to become is more like the US.
Bill Gibson	1 I oppose the TPPA as it gives too much power to foreign conglomerates and Corporations over our own countries statutes and laws for the benefit of these foreign organisations. 2 We have already experienced in New Zealand a huge erosion in the opportunity for free health and education, affordable housing. 3 Cost of living rising, huge unemployment due to exporting of jobs and the list goes on and on and the creation of a huge underprivileged amount of folk in this country.
Genevieve Utting	New Zealand will loose its sovereignty to the detriment of our citizens. We will have to change laws to suit USA corporations and not for the benefit of our own people. Hard won rights under the Treaty of Waitangi will be lost. The right to legislate for our own interest and our right to protect our environment will be lost. The Investor State Dispute Settlement will mean that our government can be sued for rejecting overseas corporation's investments and projects will result in substantial legal costs which the taxpayers will have to pay. We will no longer be masters of our own destiny. The affect on our economy of the few tariff reductions will be negligible, there being only .8% additional growth over the period but this will also increase the unemployment in New Zealand as it is predicted by overseas analysts that there will be a loss of jobs to the tune of 6000. This is due to the control by corporate over policy which will inhibit our growth of alternative industries that may be in competition with US business.
Ann E Redstone	I urge you to oppose ratifying the TPPA. This agreement is not favourable to New Zealanders and I do not wish to pass this legacy onto our children and grandchildren, who will be extremely disadvantaged in many ways in the future. The projected GDP increase is insignificant and not worth the negative outcomes we will be forced to face.
Brendan Pearcey	The TPPA is not about free trade but about protecting and increasing corporate profits at the expense of the citizens.
Derek and Helen Melser	Sales opportunities for New Zealand businesses should not be misused as a bribe to normalise overseas corporations having political power in New Zealand.
Tim Eddington	I DON'T AGREE WITH GIVING INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS POWER TO INTERFERE WITH NZ SOCIETY
Michelle Muir	I don't believe the Government should carry out agreements that affect our future without a full disclosure at all stages. We do not need the TPPA or have the power to benefit from this agreement. If I'm wrong maybe I should have been informed earlier!
Patricia Martin	I don't agree this TPPA AGREEMENT. It undermines our country and takes away the people's rights to know what is going on. There is no transparency. Its not a good plan and should be abolished. Our climate, our economy, and our freedom is at risk. Protect our nation not destroy it. Build us up and make plans that benefit the environment and our economy and our health care system.. We the people have a right to fair negotiations not shady deals behind closed doors. I call for an end to the TPPA.

Graham Wheeler	My question about the TPPA submission is a simple one. Why should such an important change for our people be allowed to take place "before" we have clarification on the expected outcome. I would like to have clarification by government on the three subjects noted before being asked to accept governments outcome..
Raymond McIntyre	I am concerned that the TPPA includes an investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism which provides big pharmaceutical and medical device industries with an avenue to sue our government, or threaten to sue, over policy decisions they perceive as breaching their rights (or profits) under the TPPA. The risk is that an ISDS claim could be made, or that a company may threaten to use ISDS, in an effort to deter governments from regulating in the interest of public health. The United States alone accounts for more than a third of the global pharmaceutical market, with \$340 billion in annual sales - more than the entire GDP of New Zealand. I am further concerned that the TPPA will raise the costs of medicines for NZ's most vulnerable citizens. As well I note that the TPPA is focused more on the private interests of foreign investors than on pillars of public interest (such as ecological sustainability). The overall result for environmental governance is window dressing on the upside, and serious threats on the downside. That in marked contrast to TPPA chapters that involve core commercial areas such as intellectual property, the environment chapter sets almost no new standards, with each partner country essentially left to set its own. And that the basic criteria for TPPA governments is that they make their own laws, which can only be challenged under this agreement if they are laws which in any way affect trade, so it's not in any way the same degree of stringency or breadth of applicability when it comes to environmental protections. I am also concerned that There has been no credible attempt to engage with Māori as the Crown's Treaty Partner before or during the TPPA negotiations. The only Māori that were consulted with in any official capacity were the Federation of Māori Authorities (FOMA). The government 'National Interest Analysis' that looked at the pros and cons of the TPPA for New Zealand failed to even assess the impact on the Treaty of Waitangi! As a Librarian let me simply add that I am concerned about the copyright and IP possibilities inherent in the TPPA as it stands which extend copyright, involving an estimated financial cost of at least \$500 million (net present value), and which will further burden our students, educators, and libraries; The proposed criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content which threatens the freedom to tinker and learn. And the granting of patents possibly filed after an inventor has made the invention public and still result in a granted patent. The TPPA is a flawed document which appears not so much to be a trade agreement as an attempt to limit China's impact in the Pacific and which empowers corporations at the expense of individuals.
Shelley Barbarich	Don't take away our country's economic freedom. My child has the right to enjoy the same freedoms I was raised with.
Lev Gimelfarb	Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand.
Reremoana Motu	Do not agree to powers outside of NZ to have a voice to issues concerning our country. Stay out your not welcome, we the people need our own voice.
Julie Brown	The TPPA should not be ratified because it is against everything democratic that the people of this beautiful county stand for. The TPPA would take us down a path of no return and already under this current National Government NZ has experienced a growth in divisions between people, especially regarding the distribution of wealth. The increase in childhood poverty is just one measure of this. What has happened to our core egalitarian value? We do not want further entrapment by a corrupt and unfair system. We must stop this while we can.
Anesa Toia	Although I can only tick up to three topics in the boxes. I would like to agree with all of them: The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Maggie Dawson	I feel that if the TPPA goes ahead then NZ will be subject to the rule of multinational business as is happening in places like Peru where the government are struggling to maintain the rights of the peasant farmers.
Joan E Farley	I deplore the apparent loss of our democracy, the impact on our health and medicine costs, and the corporate power and influence over our political processes.
Rachel Marshall	The loss of democracy is main concern, how can there be a true voice for the "ordinary" people of this country if this highly protested bill goes through and we lose parts of our freedom and rights....
Holger Henze	No ISDS No copy rights nor patents extensions No to support of greedy Corporate power and influence No to behind doors settlements No to the new understanding of the term TRANSPARENCY by the NATs

Patricia Jacobson	My real concern is that I do not want the large seed companies to control our seeds and the viability of our horticultural industry. If they can force the government to only use seeds and plants that are infertile so that we need to buy fresh every year and cannot grow seed from our last years crop. I am also concerned the easy way that our goods are being modified and without realising the damage however small to the human body.
Marilyn	I strongly oppose the TPPA in its present form. Corporations are already suing countries, so you cannot deny it won't happen to New Zealand.
James Harcourt	From what I understand the TPPA contains it appears obvious why there are so many negatives surrounding it. I truly believe that our Prime Minister has fallen in to the trap of being self serving and blinkered. For the sake of our people, environment and legal system please please do not drag us in to this agreement.
Jill Nicholls	NZ has a unique environmental place in the world. We have the chance to be the environmental gene bank for world and this is threatened if overseas corporates treat NZ as they have the northern Hemisphere countries.
Rene Kuys	A free trade agreement should not be shrouded in mystery. It should be a simple understanding between country's and the people who are citizens need to know every stage of negotiations in a democracy.
Darlene Tahau	The three issues I have highlighted are just the beginning....tppa has nothing of real value to offer New Zealanders in general, only greedy corporations!! We don't want to sell our country and our future generations off without a leg to stand on!!! Tppa is utter and complete garbage!!!
Peter LOW	I object to the role played by the real "Rent-a-Crowd", namely the dozens of well-paid corporate lawyers and lackeys, trying and sometimes succeeding in having more say than people's true elected representatives.
Terry Nash	New Zealand is a Democracy. In our country by virtue of the democratic rule, the supreme power is vested in the people, not in the politicians; who are in fact 'servants of the public' not 'masters of the public'. The powers vested in our democratically elected members of parliament are exercised and I emphasise – exercised on behalf of the people of New Zealand. Business dealings rely upon financiers and particularly the trading Banks to channel money into various projects. The Banks have in the past decade been given an excess of free rein and not enough Government inspection audit and regulation the consequences of which were a disaster for the World monetary system. Greece on the verge of collapse is still reeling from this debacle. The TPPA is another example of Governments stepping outside of the parameters of correct representation of the people and giving too much free rein to banks and large international corporates. This will impact unfavourably upon the electorate of New Zealand. Already we are seeing the falling price of our farming export products cause farmers to be put in jeopardy. The next step will be for the Banks (largely foreign owned) to foreclose and sell more of our productive farmland (OUR COUNTRY) to overseas non-resident, uncontrolled buyers for maximum financial return. Impounding the already critical situation of our own New Zealanders are unable to buy parts of their own country. The issues are clear, and there surely must be some ancient legal precedent, that no democratically elected Government has a right to abrogate its responsibilities, sovereign or otherwise, to corporate entities. This seems to side step the Constitution? TPPA is a white flag of surrender by our Government to a Foreign invader. In the past this would be treason.
T Tuki	No TPPA No NEW WORLD ORDER
Margaret	I disapprove off tppa i want to keep nz green grow gardens in our own yard be a maori and proud of it dnt want asia taking ovs ur country i hate greedy people like smercian big corporations taking ova our country
Barbara Menzies	I oppose the TPPA because it has already undermined democratic processes in our country and elsewhere in the interests of corporates who are hellbent on profit at all costs, and if ratified, will accelerate that process. In evidence I cite the interesting detail that the TPPA 'Roadshow' prioritises Business audiences and will commence after the submissions process closes. The Independent, peer-reviewed analyses of the documents completed by experts (NOT by the usual spin doctors) over the Christmas break should be compulsory reading for Select Committee members, if they are genuinely interested in doing their job as accountable representatives of the voters who put them where they are. At this time our country should instead be showing leadership in the truly urgent arena of climate change, not propping up a deal to confer absolute power on corporate players who have never shown by their actions anything but contempt for human rights, morality, ethics or any values that I recognise as honourable or worthy of respect. This is NOT a deal about trade, much less about 'Free' trade and I object to the blatant promotion of MFAT's so-called 'Facts' about TPPA as yet another example of spin to suck New Zealanders into acquiescence to the 'Trust us - we know what's good for you' line that has nearly bankrupted our country since 1984. The TPPA is a toxic betrayal of New Zealand and needs to be rejected as treasonous.

Jordan	I don't like it. How there is is an underlying agendas and not telling any 1 what they are doing with our country.
Scott Stechman	I would like to know if it is true that anyone from a signatory country can buy land in New Zealand?
Dennis Dorney	The TPPA is not primarily a trade agreement. It is firstly an attempt by the USA to force its hegemony on to the participating nations as a counterbalance to the growing Chinese force in the area. This first aim is purely political. Secondly it is a charter for multinational companies to force their will on sovereign nations. In the long term nations and individuals lose and big business wins. Despite the claims that such Treaties benefit nations, most of them don't. The NAFTA agreement has not been good for Canada; it has been disastrous for Mexico and has cost the jobs of hundreds of thousands of US workers. The TPPA is not a free trade agreement; the bigger nations in it will not be reducing tariffs within the next 30 years. Since our main reason for participating was to lower tariffs, we have failed in our objectives and should pull out. Although most people claim to be in favour of free trade in general, I am not. What is needed is fair trade, which is a totally different concept. The main issues in the TPPA which alarm me are :- ISDS will mean the end of our right to make the laws which we want in NZ;- in particular it will make attempts to reduce global warming almost impossible to achieve:- the Intellectual Protection and copy right provisions are outrageous and are clearly intended to protect the income base of the big US players in the entertainment industry. This Agreement is just obscene... we need to get out.
Sean Allen	The amount of unnecessary death this new treaty will cause is unforgiving, it is a Trojan horse that will destroy our people and our country.
Wayne Michael Hawker	I wish to formally oppose the signed TPPA on 4 grounds 1) The sovereignty of our Nation will be completely undermined by corporations and other nations party to this agreement trying to flex their muscle over us as a nation 2) Our democracy has been completely undermined by All Governments of NZ over many years with secret negotiations and back room deals taking place without any form of consultation with the very people which any such agreement may affect. 3) With corporations having the ability to sue a Government if legislation introduced impairs their ability to trade in any way really means that they control a country's legislation abilities. This is totally wrong. If you don't like our legislation then go play somewhere else 4) The serious lack of protection against overseas investors buying up Prime New Zealand country side is a serious issue and there should have been measures put in place to protect us better as a nation
Kim Karaitiana	All I have to say is "this deal will bring more harm than good". LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE
Radamez Smith	I, wholeheartedly, disagree and do not support the National government's efforts to sign the TPPA on behalf of the citizens of New Zealand. I believe New Zealand's civil and democratic rights belong in the hands of the citizens of New Zealand and not in the hands of outside investors with their foreign interests and foreign agendas. I can see no reason nor benefit to me or my country by signing the TPPA. To the National government: DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA.
Wendy Thomas	If this is a Free Trade agreement we should not have to sign anything. New Zealand will be even less of a democracy than it is now. The public health system is already stretched too far and if our medicines are going to cost more people who are high dependency will suffer.
Alastair	The current New Zealand Government does not have the right to sell our people's birthright to foreign corporate powers. What our country stands for is better than this, As a people we have stood for what we believe in the past and we will do it again.

JANE CUNNINGHAM	<p>The TPPA is a piece of legislation that I and my family strongly disagree with. Our right, as New Zealanders to decide what will happen in our own country through our practise of consultation and democracy will be superceeded by the TPPA. By giving corporations the right to interject in our law making in situations where this "disadvantages" their trade, we trade in our sovereignty. Sovereignty is the right to make decisions for ourselves and as a nation New Zealand prides itself on making unpopular and yet heroic decisions such as banning Nukes. TPPA circumvents this and even prevents it with the cost of defending our legislation in ISDS (not a court of our own making) being crippling to a nation as small as New Zealand. As Canada and parts of Europe are finding out corporations can and will sue even when the concerns are based on crucial environmental concerns. New Zealand's tourist income is rapidly approaching and is predicted to overtake primary industry as our leading earner. We trade on a clean green image that will be impossible to uphold if we have large corporations in charge of making decisions as to what they are and are not allowed to do. Corporations are not moral entities and have no obligations to anyone other than shareholders - profit driven, they are not invested in the well being of our nation. We are a nation of people who care for the least able, and the free health care and education is something we cherish. If the TPPA comes into effect large pharmaceutical corporations are likely to overide the very things that make this possible, such as Pharmac. Having lived overseas and seen the crippling difficulty sudden health care costs can deliver I stand strongly against the TPPA and its capacity to over ride our equitable system. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is our founding document. The partnership established there is supposed to be our guiding process negotiating and reaching decisions between Maori and tauwi. In a very real way, by allowing corporations to intervene in decision making the TPPA circumvents this too. On this ground alone the TPPA must not be signed. Corporations are modelled on antisocial principles and to invite them into legislating in a small diverse and beautiful country like mine is anathema to all we stand for. On behalf of my children and myself please DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA. Greed is not good. The TPPA is a rapacious document which benefits a very few and damages so very much that we hold precious. Jane Cunningham</p>
Catherine Bright	<p>I protest the TPPA based on its inherent lack of fairness to small countries with limited budgets, often far smaller than those of large companies willing to sue for profits.</p>
Rachel Williams	<p>The people should have their say when it comes to important decisions. This is more important than the flag and we get to vote on that. Give the public all the facts and let them make an informed decision. We don't want to rely on a politician's word when they keep lying or misinforming us now don't we....</p>
Wendy Knight	<p>Regarding the TPPA I have multiple concerns. However, my first concern is that fact that this current Government seems to be 'giving the finger' to a large portion of the population who have genuine concerns. I was always a National voter and a Key supporter. However, not anymore. I cannot stand by any longer and watch this Government perpetuating the inequality that has become so apparent. I am a well-educated, professional, middle-class, white woman who marched down Queen Street on the 4th February to voice my dismay at the lack of concern that this Government seems to have for the hard-working people of New Zealand, the vulnerable and our Country. I am like most people who marched that day in that I am not opposed to trade but we are very much opposed to the TPPA as it stands. In particular, I'm very much bothered by the Investor clauses. I'm sure others will comment around the impact upon the Treaty, access to medicines and potential environmental concerns. But these are real worries and if the Government is so confident that they have this covered then please explain it to us all. I'm sure that the majority of people who are protesting are open to shifting their position – but how can we when all we get is dismissive comments that refer to us as 'rent-a-crowd' and idiots. It would be nice to get a considered opposing argument, but alas that has not been forthcoming. What this Government doesn't quite get is that not only in this country but globally we are at a tipping point with regards to various community's ability to continue to tolerate the inequality and injustice that has run rampant far too long. The TPPA is symbolic of everything that is wrong with the current system and that is why people such as myself are reacting to its signing. To quote Joseph Stiglitz "In 2016, we should hope for the TPP's defeat and the beginning of a new era of trade agreements that don't reward the powerful and punish the weak"</p>
Douglas Williamson	<p>This is not a free trade agreement, but is a Free from regulated trade agreement. Governments must be free to regulate trade to protect the environment and the safety of the population.</p>
Anita Edgecombe	<p>I am a lawyer and I am opposed to the TPPA. I am not anti-trade, but nothing about the deal or the way it has been negotiated reassures me that it is in the best interests of the average New Zealander.</p>
Lynne Warbrooke	<p>Nothing in a true democracy should have been discussed in secret the way this was. If there is nothing to hide - why do it. This should not become law in NZ.</p>

Stacey Nathan	I oppose the TPPA on the grounds that ordinary kiwi's will pay the price through higher priced Healthcare and medication as well as many other products that will increase in price. Exporters and "big business are the only real Winners out of this deal. I will not support any political party that supports the TPPA
suzanne Preece	As a teacher I am seriously concerned about the cost of copyright laws to schools. I am also seriously concerned with the potential for the minimum wage to be restricted. I am also concerned with the effect it will have on new Zealand small businesses as they will have to follow our laws but not corporations who can sue if our actions lower their profits.
Mark Radford	I believe the concerns out weight the positives. PHARMAC has saved the country significant money. If medications cost more I am sure the government will not put more into health, so New Zealanders will miss out. I SAY NO
Brenda Mcgee	I don't like the idea of multi corporations deciding mine & my grandchildren's rights in this world.Greed among the richest few controlling our lives so they become richer in the name of our health, the food we eat, our civil rights as a human being! It's evil & we don't need it!!
Rita Hunt	The TPPA promoters keep talking about a trade deal. If it really was just a trade deal nobody would object. Of course, we need trade. It is in fact a total package of external legislation the whole country is being committed to, overriding our national democratic and legal processes. THIS is what we are protesting against. So wake up Members of Parliament, don't push the country into a trap. We do not need this deal. If we produce healthy food and wholesome products the world will only be too happy to trade with us as these things are becoming rare.
Immanuel	We are a smart people, we will not stand still as corporations slowly slip the blind fold over our eyes. Kia kaha! God bless New Zealand!
Erika Ludwig	The TPPA is not something that will benefit New Zealand in the long run. The risks of corporates suing the government and the costs of medicines rising are all too real and along with the risks to the environment and the loss of our sovereignty is just not acceptable for a positive future for NZ. The treaty of Waitangi will not be honoured and foreign investment will mean less jobs for locals. NZ has such a unique environment and we could set ourselves up as a model of sustainability, NZ made quality products and organic produce with jobs in renewable energy and a fair go for small business, not as part of the global corporates out to make a quick buck at any cost.
Kelly Williams	New Zealand's public health and medicines should not be put at risk at all in any way. I feel that as such a small country we need corporate power and to have such influence over our own political processes. Our internet protection and privacy is very important and as we have very little threat or danger towards the rest of the world we are the ones who need protecting from the rest of the world not the other way around.
Michael Smith	Totally against TPPA, and I don't give consent to the government agreeing to any such deal.
Shawn Blanchfied	I can not see how this deal helps the country when the projected income to NZ of around 2 billion over a number of years to come according to National, vs the very real possibility of a ISDS could exceed 3 to 15 billion in one suit much like the TransCanada suit against the US. National say they can't see this happening but there has been 15 suits against the US since NAFT started in 1994. 14 defended and 1 successful. If that one is in the billions the Taxpayer won't be able to cover it and the ISDS will award State assets to the value, land ,roading ,power stations etc. Not to mention the cost of defending the ISDS suits. So is it better for Corporates to be able to file suits in the first place and is this the real objective of TPPA. TPPA stinks of corruption and back room deals it's a time bomb to the freedom of this country, It's not about the treaty it's all about preserving our way of life for all New Zealands new and old. I've just returned from Europe and the states and the people want what we have, They envy our way of life so why would we want to let the very Corporates that cause their problems loose in New Zealand, That is what TPPA will do. The European Union is a disaster Everyone I talked to in the streets at the trade show I attended in France wanted it gone, it's broken their countries and robbed them of choice. Medicines are limited and controlled so natural remedies are banned from shelves in the UK and EU due to the Multi National pharmaceutical companies control. We seem to hold a good hand, clean water, green fields leading agriculture and plenty of empty clean land. Isn't this what's in demand, what everyone wants. So one would think we hold all the cards so how is it we folded and got shafted when every one needs what we have?? I can not support a government that ignores the people and democracy.
Tash Shaw	I am opposed to the loss of power and rights to New Zealanders and how this will impact on future generations. The lack of public consultation and the lack of consideration to everyday people is not ok. I don't want Aotearoa to be part of this agreement at all!.
Denise Cameron	Giving power to big business to sue if our protective laws threaten their profits is very scary.

Megan Rose	We have a system in place to ensure this doesn't happen and when a party is voted into parliament they do not have the right to simply decide not to work within that system. The process undertaken to progress this was undemocratic in every sense, legal and ethical. Hear the New Zealand public. Even those pro trade know this contains very little for trade, and they are equally as uneasy with the process.
Ben Throp	NO TPPA- bring back democracy !
Nicola Holden	LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW ZEALAND !!! New Zealand, Aotearoa, does not need or want the TPPA. You are going against the people if you ratify it. TPPA is in the interest of big corporations, not the people of NZ. Use your head and your heart, make the right decision on behalf of all New Zealand, I plead of you. Thank you, Nicola
Elizabeth Keats	We the citizens of this country have never been consulted and this has been done behind our backs. Have we a democracy or not.
Joanne	New Zealand and Australia will not benefit from this agreement. It will not create jobs as touted as they will bring their own workers with them. This agreement and those who brought it into effect will not be looked on fondly
Glen Ward	The undermining of our democracy(secret tribunals ,secret negotiations) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines! Corporate power and influence over the political process.The " little " man stands to lose if this happens!
Wally Richards	This is NOT A FREE TRADE DEAL! It is the wish list of corporations to increase their profits while robbing people of their rights and money. "There is an evil in this world and its name is CORPORATION.... and government is its servant."
Joseph Kevin Cederwall	The logic of such FTAs supports the continuation or increase of the imbalanced and inequitable extractive capitalist economy. I would like to see our Government propose a credible and viable alternative to the TPPA and other Global trade agreements. these are some key factors I would want to see in any minimum viable agreement. 1 Transparent negotiations 2 Re-Localising This agreement would be localised It would guarantee the rights and sovereignty of local communities, autonomous regions and indigenous groups rather than focusing on simply nation-states. 3 - Protect local rights and sovereignty Corporations would not be able to sue states or communities under the Investor State Disputes Mechanism over states taking measures to protect or improve their environment or society. Instead, mechanisms for groups of affected citizens and states to effectively challenge corporate social and environmental crimes should be created by any right minded trade deal. 4 - The environment - In case you didn't notice - it is in bad shape. We need an agreement that seeks to prevent further extraction and inefficient shipping across the planet and allows Governments to take steps to protect the environment without fear of legal action. 05 - Illegal Trade markets Stop ignoring the Drug trade, poaching, illegal fishing and other illegal markets. These are huge markets and cause environmental and social carnage. We need to start recognising these trades are a reality and cooperating on an international scale to prevent them. Thanks for your attention, Joe
Prue	We are meant to be a democracy. Why should the government secretly negotiate behind closed doors? answer - because they don't want us to realise just how horrendously detrimental this is to our country. TPPA will enormously increase the gap between rich (making them huge fortunes) and the poor (making them super poor). Our Parliament would not be allowed to ban overseas speculators from buying up Kiwi homes. Other countries, including Australia, negotiated an exemption from this clause but National failed to do so for New Zealand. Foreign corporations could sue the government over policy changes seen as affecting their businesses. New Zealanders' access to life-saving drugs could be restricted as our laws are tilted in favour of US pharmaceutical companies. I feel so strongly about this that if it goes through, I will leave the country and move overseas.
Mary Omalley	I am very much against the TPPA for the following reasons: Restriction of future choices We could be sued by foreign nationals. This has happened already in Germany. Maori have not been consulted as to how this may impact on The Treaty Medicine prices could be increased by large pharmaceutical monopolies The TPPA does not allow us to consider Climate Change legislation - we could be sued by fossil fuel interests We are even more beholden to the USA

	Why free trade? Why not fair trade? Why not be the country that stands up for our rights, as we have previously done? Why not be the country that stands up against corporate America? You only have to look at the American society, the quality of life that American citizens have, and the EXTREME gaps between the rich and the poor, to know that being in bed with America is the last thing we would ever want to do. If we sign this agreement, we are ultimately signing away our souls, signing away what we stand for, signing away the ability to make decisions for our country and its people. We are not upholding our commitment to Te Tiriti O Waitangi if we sign the TPPA. This will have immense cultural implications for New Zealand. Our fellow citizens, families, brothers, sisters and children are already in trouble, are already struggling to survive, many do not have the basics that they need. I personally have life-long diseases, my son suffers from asthma, and I can barely afford to pay medical bills and prescriptions as it is. How will we protect the land of New Zealand? The land is not ours to give away, it is only on loan to us so that we can take care of it, and if we cannot take care of the land then we will be lost. This agreement is anti-democratic; it is the epitome of corporate power and influence over the political process. How will the TPPA improve our quality of life, the quality of life of all New Zealanders, the quality of life of all citizens of the earth, the quality of the earth itself? It will not. Why are we signing?
Laura O'Flaherty	I do not believe that New Zealand should ratify the TPPA - the document gives power to large corporations driven solely by money and often not even based in New Zealand to influence our policy. This will have a flow down effect on the day-to-day lives of everyday New Zealanders. As someone who was born and lived in New Zealand my whole life I want to see New Zealand continue to be a place that values the people who live here. We are a country that has historically been praised for being innovative and having a much greater contribution internationally than would be expected from a country of our size. By handing over so much power to corporations who will use their power to serve their best interests we are undermining the rights of everyday New Zealanders to determine the issues that WE care about and to respond to these issues in the ways that will work for US! Thank you for your time.
Rachel Knappstein	I have been active on these issues for a number of years and it's not the free trade that grates me, it's how the global corporations have hijacked the platform. When corporate power has influence over government political power then we have lost our sovereignty! In the early nineties Jenny Shipley tried to sneak this same agenda (Multi Lateral Agreement on Investments) through the back door to Parliament. Winston Peters called her bluff and the whole issue turned to custard. I hope it turns to custard again; TPPA is not for New Zealanders it's for the global corporations. Plain and simple!
Paul Drake	I am very concerned that the TPPA will lead to our country being held to ransom by corporations protecting their profits and taking legal action against the state in courts that are run by corporate lawyers, that are neither fair or transparent. I am also extremely concerned by copyright extensions and the impact on the cost of medicine. All of the negative impacts of this agreement will have bad effects on the poor and sick, while the well off will continue to ride the wave of affluence that divides this country ever deeper into "have nots" and "have lots".
Andrew Pearce	I am particularly worried about big corporates having power over the political process. For me it means, ultimately, that the poor are getting poorer and the rich richer. The consequence of that will probably be more social problems, crime, etc. If we want to have a real democracy, power needs to stay with us and the politicians who represent us.
Christina Marty	Why all the secrets when you know the truth is not in the interest of New Zealand or our people
Jade Campbell	The business of government is to act in the best interests of the electorate. The business of business is to act for shareholders. Government is meant to protect citizens from hostile entities who do not act for us but for shareholders. Hence TPPA with ISDS is bad for citizens and even worse for the environment. "In the final analysis, we all live on the same small planet. We breathe the same air. We cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal". Amen
Hugh O'Neill	I believe that the TPPA is unlikely to deliver any benefit to the majority of voters in the signatory countries. Unless this government gets a direct mandate from the majority of NZ voters on this specific issue it should not be binding us to an international agreement, which a future government will almost certainly be forced to abandon. For economic if not legal reasons.
Terence Lowe	This is such an important decision and should not be made by the government alone. Something that can impact so much on us as a people should be decided by a binding referendum
RichardRobins	

	The whole TPPA deal is of great concern to me! The fact that our Govt has signed a document, supposedly on our behalf, and has refused to give the public access to the details of this document is the most worrying feature. This in itself undermines what is supposed to be a Democracy in this country! Already we have witnessed the effect of Corporate power and influence over the political process by this signing having already taken place without due consultation with the voting public and our elected representatives.! There are many areas of concern, very many! The impact it will have on our public health and medicines alone is enough to raise alarm bells, let alone such things as: The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and Privacy Investor State Dispute Settlement and of course the impact it will have on the Treaty Of Waitangi - Te Tiriti O Waitangi !!! I am appalled at the way in which the Govt has tried to sneak this in through the back door without the public being aware, or being made aware of what they are doing. Such legislation will have an enormous impact on every New Zealander from every walk of life, how can they possibly arrogantly assert that most New Zealanders will benefit from it?? How can they in their arrogance maintain that the TPPA is not an issue for every NZer ??!! How can they possibly hope that we are all foolish enough to take their word for it when they have made so many false promises, broken so many campaign promises, continually lied to us on so many issues, and consistently wasted our money on things like changing our National Flag without even asking if we want that change in the first place. I would go so far as to suggest that the time and money that has been wasted on promoting the new flag idea, propaganda campaigns that promote this TPPA deal, and of course all the wining and dining of influential people in the process, is money that could have well been spent on our failing Health system!! The very system that they now want to cut funding for by somewhere in the region of 138 million dollars !! And now they want to give foreign corporations even more power over the lives of every NZer by allowing a deal that will take away all of our rights when it comes to determining what we want to import, what we want to buy and sell, what we eat, what we are allowed to grow in our own vege gardens!!!, what medicines we are allowed to supply to patients, what pesticides and herbicides we do or do not want to use, what crops we can grow, whether or not we want genetically modified crops or animals or anything else GM that has an impact on our environment and our health. This TPPA deal is just CRAZY !!! Anyone who has any sense, be that a sense of justice or just plain common sense, can see that the TPPA will be more of a danger and a threat to our way of life than it can ever be of benefit. In fact the only people this deal has benefits for are the large corporations and the people with large investments in those corporations. The common man will become a pawn and a slave to increasing loss of freedom and personal rights, lower living standards, increased debt and poverty, and increasing environmental health problems. All of which he will have lost the power to effect any kind of change on because he will have signed away all of his rights to do so with the signing of this TPPA deal. Please do NOT sign away our country, our land, our people, our rights, and our whole way of life, the very things that make NZ the amazing and beautiful country that it is, by signing and ratifying this TPPA. Please don't do it. There are very many people out here who are waking up to what is happening and they are not happy. They are not happy at all. You must listen to them, they have a right to be heard. If you don't listen to the people they will rise like a tide and sweep you away. You must listen to the people who gave you power, for they can just as easily take it from you, and they will. Citizens all around the world are rising up and voicing their opposition to this trade deal and the similar deal that is being proposed in Europe. They can see the dangers for everyone and they want to put a halt to this madness. Governments need to listen to their electorates and consider their words.
Rosana Quinn	
Tangiwi AJ Edmonds	I wanted to choose more options than just 3 because this tppa will have a huge negative effect on our country!!
Vivien Kite	The TPPA undermines our democratic rights as citizens. Democracy is an everyday task and one that every citizen should have the right to exercise fully. Secret tribunals and secret negotiations ensure that this is no longer an inalienable right. This agreement takes away citizen's rights and gives corporate power over the political process. The lack of transparency in the TPPA negotiations is legislation by stealth. Everyday New Zealander's do not fully understand the implications of this agreement and are not likely to given the avalanche of paperwork that makes up this agreement. The Treaty of Waitangi does not allow for such widespread legislative changes that are implied by the TPPA. This Government does not have the mandated to override this binding document.
Amiee	Well I is disappointing that to think big overseas companies will be able to sue the New Zealand government for millions in damages in secretive offshore tribunals, claiming that new laws and regulations have hurt there business.
Dennis Conquest	It is a mistake to join in this treaty. Corporate power is impacting badly on our sosiety and is not in the interest of the common folk. We'd be a stronger nation being indepedent.
Lisa Glasgow	Let the people that live in NZ decide about the TPPA!!

Jennifer Coffey	You were democratically elected and seek to impose this deal on us like a dictator would. Be open and honest about the good and the not so good in the agreement. What safe guards are in it, can a country withdraw from it if we find it is a bad deal. These issues need to be discussed and debated by New Zealanders BEFORE it is signed.
Serena Maia Bailey	NZ is a society divided by haves and haves not.. The gap between this division is increasing yearly. We now have 3rd generations of people living in poverty with no solutions to ending poverty. The TPPA benefits who? Not the have nots. Why is the Agreement good for NZ? Why was the public not consulted through forums initiated by the Gov? Why wasn't the public given the voice to object? I do not support the TPPA. Resolve generational poverty first
Melissa Muirhead	The TPPA is a piece of legislation that I and my family strongly disagree with. Our right, as New Zealanders to decide what will happen in our own country through our practice of consultation and democracy will be superceeded by the TPPA. By giving corporations the right to interject in our law making in situations where this "disadvantages" their trade, we trade in our sovereignty. Sovereignty is the right to make decisions for ourselves and as a nation New Zealand prides itself on making unpopular and yet heroic decisions such as banning Nukes. TPPA circumvents this and even prevents it with the cost of defending our legislation in ISDS (not a court of our own making) being crippling to a nation as small as New Zealand. As Canada and parts of Europe are finding out corporations can and will sue even when the concerns are based on crucial environmental concerns. New Zealand's tourist income is rapidly approaching and is predicted to overtake primary industry as our leading earner. We trade on a clean green image that will be impossible to uphold if we have large corporations in charge of making decisions as to what they are and are not allowed to do. Corporations are not moral entities and have no obligations to anyone other than shareholders - profit driven, they are not invested in the well being of our nation. We are a nation of people who care for the least able, and the free health care and education is something we cherish. If the TPPA comes into effect large pharmaceutical corporations are likely to overide the very things that make this possible, such as Pharmac. Having lived overseas and seen the crippling difficulty sudden health care costs can deliver I stand strongly against the TPPA and its capacity to over ride our equitable system. Te Tiriti o Waitangi is our founding document. The partnership established there is supposed to be our guiding process negotiating and reaching decisions between Maori and tauwi. In a very real way, by allowing corporations to intervene in decision making the TPPA circumvents this too. On this ground alone the TPPA must not be signed. Corporations are modelled on antisocial principles and to invite them into legislating in a small diverse and beautiful country like mine is anathema to all we stand for. On behalf of my children and myself please DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA. Greed is not good. The TPPA is a rapacious document which benefits a very few and damages so very much that we hold precious.
Adrian Forbes	I feel that this is a really selfish act of the National Party. When you look at the negative impacts versus the positives for New Zealand, there is no question about it. The Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement is a large threat to our public health, to the Treaty of Waitangi, climate and it brings with it countless other issues. We refuse to let corporate businesses take control of NZ. "With each instrument that it signs up to, the Crown has less freedom in how it can provide for and protect Māori, their tino rangatiratanga, and their interests in such diverse areas as culture, economic development and the environment." - Waitangi Tribunal, WAI-262, 2012 "TPPA will bring stagnation on actions to control the products that make people sick in the first place - tobacco control, managing junk food advertising to children and cutting down on fossil fuels being turned into carbon emissions and climate change." - Doctors For Healthy Trade NZ
Lili	The secrecy of the deal right from the start. The corporate powers and influence from other countries that will influence our political power.
troy keepa	losing control of our rights
K Moran	I am writing this submission with deep concern for New Zealand's future. This impact the TPPA will have on New Zealanders is potentially horrific. There is too much at risk in signing the agreement and I am strongly against TPPA. I didn't understand why the NZ government would take such a massive gamble on our rights, environment and health and for future generations to come. DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA!
Vanessa Ward	We are our own unique country. We are New Zealand. Protect our sovereignty, environment, our culture. WE ARE NOT USA!
Hilda Daw	I believe the TPPA should not be ratified fro, the following reasons: We lose our sovereignty We are not honouring the Treaty of The process of secret negotiations is undemocratic The adverse effect it will have on our public health and medicines Corporations will dictate political power
keri molloy	Signing this agreement is playing into the hands of corporates who have company profits and bonuses at heart, not the interests of New Zealanders. The disadvantages far outweigh the benefits. The TPPA is not good for New Zealand or New Zealanders.

Sholto Lee	<p>It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed. The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to keep profits in New Zealand. There are specific limits on policy making in areas such as investment screening, fiscal policy and economic development (through so-called "performance requirements"). A party to the TPPA can dispute an interpretation or application of the agreement by another party; or can bring a dispute if it believes the benefits expected from the TPPA have been "nullified or impaired" by the actions of another party - even if the rules were not broken. Investors can take claims to arbitration on the basis of alleged breaches of certain types of government contracts, something that New Zealand has never agreed to before. There is no requirement that investors seek remedies in New Zealand courts first, before initiating a claim under the TPPA. Decisions of domestic courts can be challenged under ISDS. There is no system of precedent and no appeal.</p>
Bernard Green	<p>When you step back and look at the bigger picture of this deal in terms of global economy, the US losing its grip on said global economy, and the new and upcoming big economies that are EXCLUDED from the TPPA, and the equivalent deals targeting Asia and Europe (Africa, Russia and China) it becomes VERY OBVIOUS that this is a desperate attempt by corporate America to try and maintain its chokehold on the global economy by snuffing out the new contenders. And the absolutely disgusting way they intend to do this is by bringing every country to their knees in economic servitude. As a New Zealander I will NOT be a part of this corporate power grab and will NOT allow my country to be a part of it either.</p>
Karen	<p>Do we really want to be ruled by corporate and outside governance for the carrot of a few trade agreements</p>
Pippa Grieve	<p>You ought to listen to the people of our country and not arrogantly decide you know best. This has become a pattern with your government, and we will be left with the mess, yet again.</p>
Rata Scott von Tippelskirch	<p>The idea of off shore companies being able to sue our New Zealand government, overriding laws in place, is a high risk situation that leaves justice and ethics out of the picture. With the volatile state that our environment is already in we don't need capitalism to be getting the last say. The inherent and deliberate lack of communication and involvement between the public and the government about this bill has been absolutely unacceptable. If we, the public, the common aren't included in discussing our own future then we should have to be submitted to a future that includes the TPPA. Please save New Zealand and the strength of the people of New Zealand.</p>
Patricia horton	<p>To the appropriate authority You do not have my permission to negotiate away my or my country's future. My concerns are many, you seem to have sold out our sovereignty and left us open to the whims of corporate businesses. And you have done it in attempted secrecy. As a nation we will be open to being sued for making our own laws regarding the sale of dangerous products. Foreign nations companies will now be in control of our internet, and secret tribunals will make decisions affecting all Australian citizens. Why do we need a federal government anymore now that you have sold us all out? I do not give my consent to this trade deal and request you to take all actions necessary to stop it going ahead. If it does go ahead I hope every Australian gets together and sues every single person involved with setting this corrupt deal up. Thanks Patricia Horton</p>
Heather Holmes	<p>I do not want future generations to be shackled by the burden created by TPP. The loss of basic human rights and freedoms. The loss of our sovereignty. The death knell for our environment. This cannot be allowed to happen. The decision must be made by the people of Aotearoa, not a bunch of filthy, corrupt politicians</p>
Ian hughes	<p>Hello I have an issue with the way the TPPA has been negotiated and presented to the country. The way it seems to be unfairly weighted toward corporate interests rather than national interests. I am very sceptical about the stated cost benefits to the country and the loss of control of our own ability to govern ourselves. Finally the "take it all or take nothing" way it has been presented to us is undemocratic and frankly bullying. I say throw it back and start again with a much more open process. Ian Hughes</p>
Bruce Calvert	<p>The whole process has not been an open and transparent discussion .The public know next to nothing about what the TPPA actually is.This throws up huge red flags. Where are the details. Every free society has a right to know about important issues that affect the community they live in . Some would argue that the West was built on secrecy ,if so this is just another step towards economic collapse.</p>
Anthony john Rongo	<p>All negotiations must be transparent. We the people of New Zealand elected governments through a democratic procedure. It seems to be a kick in the teeth when the people are left out of any say.</p>
Te Huinga	<p>We dont need the tppa in our country</p>

Tama Yates	Our people feel empowered by the decisions made amoungst our government with the tppa
Patrick McCaughan	When corporations can sue a government trying to protect the environment because they are losing money them this is a bad deal! Please don't undermine our sovereignty.
Loretta Newport	Public health is a real issue for new Zealanders. I dont think every day Kiwis understand the impact we could have. Some people cannot afford medication as it is and in reality its not as expensive s say USA.BUT we do not want to be like USA
Marcus	Don't get me wrong - I am all for free Trade, but not at these terms. The pros are very insignificant against the cons, there is far to much to loose with leaving too many doors open. The seceracy of it all along with the misinformation being put through mainstream media is horrifying. Examples like when John Key anounces that the TPP will boost our economy by so many billions, this figure is based on a model of assumptions and is not even 1% higher than whats been projected on current trends. We cannot sacrifice our Clean and Green image to the world or sacrifice our Health System that Americans envy, or sacrifice our right as a country to make laws and rules without big corporations concents. As an example, we want to put plain packaging on cigerette packs and now I'm reading in the media that tobacco companies are gearing up to counter it. This is just a taste of whats to come! I believe that we need to make a point of difference to generate trade demand, as an example: go 100% Organic, while the rest of them turn to GMO - not everyone wants GMO food and therefore this will generate demand. It will add and reinforce the "clean and green" image that NZ is only just holding onto.
Bradley Collins	The fact that the whole process has been so secretive and that we haven't had any democratic process in voting for our against the agreement, I don't believe the government has the right to make the sole judgement on such a wide reaching agreement.
Bob White	While the government expects to simply push forward with this introduction without Saturating the public with the plus's & minus's I cannot support this bill.
CL Metherell	One of my concerns is with the internet. I do not like that our freedom of speech will be taken away. If government does not like a web page, say one that wants to discuss those in power at the time, that can be shut down easy, with no real reason other then , well, i don't like it. The price of medicine will go up. We have been told that will not be passed on to the average person. But our taxes will be used to pay the extra. How can they commit to spending more money in medicine when 200 million has just been taken out of the health budget? New Zealand as a country can not afford that. We are 120 billion in debt. We need to commit to reduce spending, not join something that will increase it, and if we can not afford the increase that leaves New Zealanders either paying out of there own pockets or dying while they wait on already over the top waiting lists. I do not like that if we change a law to save our countries environment companies can sue us if this law means they have a loss of earnings. Germany and america have just had this happen to them. New Zealand is in to much debt to be able to deal with something like that. ANTI tppa people were talking about the price of medicine rising a year before JK admitted it. There are some very clued up people who have nothing to gain by opposing this deal and i listen to a lot of what they have to say. It is scary. They have not been caught out lying like our PM has on so many occasions. There are to many things going on not even related to the tpp that make me think this is all very bad for our country. JK is an american banker with american banker issues as his top priority. Please, for the future of my children you have to stop this.
Angela crawshay	I feel this deal is bad news for NZ, if it's a good deal for kiwis then why do we not get to know what's in it??? We don't want to be a mini America and we don't want corporations having any control over our decisions about what's right for us
Hinemoa Dodd	I am against political ruling over self sufficiency and kiwi ingenuity
sean kearney	As New Zealanders we have a right and expectation that any substantial changes to the way in which our government operates is undertaken with the express agreement of the majority of the people of this country. The TPPA to me and I'm sure many others is a clear breach of the expectation that democracy take place openly and transparently. The major change to our government and our society that the TPPA represents should only ever have been undertaken by referendum. Instead we have a dirty deal that has seen a small group of people secretly negotiate a deal without public approval or consent. Thats simply not good enough. The TPPA should be taken to referendum or repealed. Its as simple as that. New Zealand is a democracy not a dictatorship.
Esther	My concern for our Treaty of Waitangi, our whenua being being stolen from us. No land to be sold to foreiners not living in NZ full time.
Larrissa McVicar	While trade agreements are important, they should not make companies more powerful than the average person. If they risk damaging our already fragile environment, they should not be signed. If they put the citizens of any nation at risk, they should not be signed. Medication is already unaffordable in many cases.

Brenda Rye	Our country NEEDS to stay out of this agreement ... We want to keep our Beautiful country beautiful and not be exploited or forced to add things like Nuclear power. The health system is suffering enough now especially with elderly people not being able to afford Much needed medicines. We certainly do NOT want any of the major corporations suing our country for things when we are Not a rich country to start with. This agreement is a Really BAD idea. Please Keep our country OUT of the agreement. The signing of this agreement is TREASON against Her Majesty the Queen, on the part of our Government and John Key. If I were to commit Treason I would be prosecuted to the full extent of the Law. So WHY is our Government even contemplating signing this agreement?
Lynda Fletcher	I feel that this agreement would not be in the best interest of New Zealand or New Zealanders. Please do not sell us out.
Rebecca Cull	I am not happy about some of the "proposals" of the ttp agreement particularly the lack of democracy. We need less secrecy and more consultation with New Zealanders
Peter Buchan-Ng	I suggest that our part of the TPPA makes us (NZ) immune to any legal action or control by/from any corporation. Weather or not the TPP allows corporate control over nations and their governments is actually true, I do not know. But I'm making my suggestion as one can never be too safe.
Sam mcgregor	I disagree with this, it's unethical and unnecessary, if our funds were better allocated we would have all we need to make trade attractive. I believe this will lead to a different kind of governance that I as a citizen of New Zealand do not want. I don't want nestle selling me my own water and I don't want my electricity to be unaffordable. I don't know this panel of lawyers who will decide if we will have to pay out the money that could be used on infrastructure and the day to day costs of keeping our society healthy. I also don't believe a deal made so secret for so long can be decided in such a short space of time with the assurance of certain businessmen that is in my best interests so I'll say thank you, but no.
Simone Jones	DO NOT SIGN THE TPPA!!! Listen to the people who vote you in to power!!
Margaret Morice	I have grave concerns for the future of Aotearoa New Zealand's economic sovereignty, democratice processes and too much power and control of our economy including the kinds of activities that promote economic activity at the cost of our environment. Aotearoa New Zealand is a very unique country in a very special part of this world. We have yet to imagine our island paradise for all of us who whakapapa here, belong here, who call this place home.
Roger Gale	This secret agreement has been developed between the National Party and Corporate interests to further their profit making schemes. There is no room for democratic process in this "agreement". One example of this is that we will be unable to choose which medical suppliers we want as a country if it would limit the profit making by corporate bodies. Already our democratic process has been compromised by "lobby" groups who fund extensive election advertising and under TPPA there is much more influence given to these lobbyists. New Zealand has been a world leader in some aspects of democracy. Dont let us become a leader in the mad rush to set up corporate states.
michael burke	against the TTPA for the above mentioned reasons and the fact that the goverment has not been transparent with the people of New Zealand. This will only bring profits to large companies and penalize the many New Zealanders.
Judi	Why even do it!!!! Over 3/4 or more of us dont want it!!!!!! Doesn't that alone say it all!!!!!!!!!! Stop being pig headed!
Patricia Murchison	It horrifies me that our Government has been in such a hurry to sign this thing (at the Alk Casino no less!). There seem to be so many dodgy elements to it that most countries are hesitating to sign after reading the small print (most of which we are still unaware). I have ticked, as requested, the 3 most important things to me but I would have liked to tick all items.. The benefit to NZ seems to be very small compared to what we lose to big business and global corporations. Our own sovereignty and independence is of vital importance to this little nation and should not be given away in the small print. I am 100% against this being made law in NZ
Cassie	Please don't take our rights away as NZ ers by using mostly off shore business. We don't want NZ to land to be sold away.
Suzanne Pierce	My objection is that this agreement needs to be thoroughly investigated by independent experts not reliant on government goodwill. They need to clearly show the advantages and disadvantages so that the people in New Zealand who will be bound by the agreement can understand just what is entailed. This cannot be a perfect arrangement for everybody yet we are hearing a lot of 'spin' when we need clear facts. Democracies are supposed to be government by the people for the people. Corporations are not considered 'people'.
Jared	Its crap n it shldnt happen

Denis Railey	What a con job.Ban TPPA
Jack R	The environment CAN NOT! take a deal like this, we are on the brink of disaster and need to put all our efforts into keeping our only home (planet earth) from dying. Please do not allow this monstrosity. It will be the end of New Zealand and of the world as we know it. Do the right thing. Stop the TPPA!
Tahu Paul	My belief is when things are done in secret then their are hidden agendas. We don't want to be told by foreigners what to do and never do i and thousands of other Māori and Pākeha want to lose our lands
Arianna repia	We are country of natural resources an environmental free from nuclear testing our people have rights to say there thoughts no way will our history be wiped the medical cost is high enough what our country has they want because i dont see what tppa bull crap making a difference but make things worse an if that happens the people will rebel
Electra Kalaugher	Most of what I have to say has already been said by knowledgeable people who have studied the issues. I think the arguments are pretty clear.
Scott	Government is out of control. WE the people who YOU are meant to be serving do not want this tppa. Gcsb, tppa, flag change. What's next? Ankle bracelet? RFID implant? We all know that this deal will go through. I work hard for a low wage and pay alot of tax... And what good are you doing for me and this country? Fulfilling you're own agenda to gain total control over everything
GLADY PAHI	ruin of ones sovereignty privacy internet, investor state disputes settlements, corporate power I against all of this man made process
tim mccreanor	The TPPA will undermine Te Tiriti o Waitangi, our founding agreement and the basis of our constitution. The TPPA will cost us far more than we gain! Rescind the TPPA!
vincent Bowen	clearly this is not a move to ensure all new Zealanders futures. you are not doing your job the people will do it for you! wake up and be considerate of the people your trying to take advantage of this country will not stand for this behavior and blatant disrespect for humanity you hold for your fellow man
DERRYL-LEIGH GOODALL	I feel our ancestors worked hard to make New Zealand an unique country. We have always had a history of being our own people, and leaders in the world in regards to our health, welfare and educations systems. For this to be handed over to american corporations is not what our country and people are about. We have been world leaders in reform etc ie, first country to give females the vote, one of the only countries to recognize the indigious people. and foster the language so it is now a strong part of our culture. 'the only country to ban nucular ships in our waters. We are a free land...even our anthem says so....We have already given away so much, ie land sales to overseas citizens, selling off our utilities to overseas corporations...lets keep what we have left for our people and our benefit, not for fat cat corporations to come and rape and pillage.
Deirdre Reid	I believe that the TPPA should not be ratified in New Zealand for the following reasons: 1. It restricts what New Zealanders can vote on or have any influence over - overseas corporations have all the power and control instead of the people living with their rules and regulations. For an agreement that has such far reaching consequences we should be able to vote whether to accept it or not. 2. If a court ruling goes against an overseas company going ahead with for example fracking, they can then sue our government for loss of income and compensation. Where is the freedom to make our own decisions based on protecting our environment and public interest? There has been no mention of climate control in any of the documents. Thanks Deirdre Reid 3. Too many of the agreements that have an impact on us have been made in secret. 4. Medicines will become more expensive with competition being limited. 5. The benefits to corporations seem to far out-weigh any benefits to every day kiwis.
Freida Maverick	The TPPA is going in the opposite direction from where we need to be going for a sustainable, healthy future. It is time to disestablish corporate power, not give them even more power. We should be looking at a steady state economy. Continual consumer growth on a finite planet is madness and ultimately destructive. The TPPA undermines democracy and supersedes our sovereignty. As a deeply concerned New Zealand citizen, I want my country to have nothing to do with the TPPA. Do not sign or ratify it.
Brad	New Zealand wants no part in this deal its people want no part in this deal. The government has said the people who have stod up against this deal are misinformed, but that does not make the people who support the deal well informed. If it's the amazing deal promised then there's no reason for the secrets. Tell us pros AND cons and let the people decide. It's our future the government is messing with

David King	The TPPA does not prevent countries from prohibiting direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals, but if a TPPA country that has previously permitted pharmaceutical advertising subsequently prohibits or places new limits on it, this may be challenged using the ISDS mechanism. Similarly, regulations on advertising in the interest of public health (ie. regulation of advertising high fat, high sugar food and drinks to children or plain packaging laws for tobacco) could also be challenged under ISDS.
Linda Grammer	Close scrutiny of the final TPPA text reveals that its impact on the environment is even worse than had been expected from leaked drafts. A new paper, prepared by Simon Terry (of the Sustainability Council of NZ) as part of a series supported by a New Zealand Law Foundation grant, concludes that the environment is a significant casualty under the TPPA. Analysis of the final text shows that the gains for the environment are few and small scale. By contrast, foreign investors can sue the Government for compensation if they believe new environmental protections will reduce their future profits, and this is a serious threat. When challenged on the need for such Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) rules, ministers have repeatedly said that there would be no restraint on the government's ability to regulate in the public interest. However, the text fails to protect the Government from being sued when taking such action. While there are provisions that protect governments from being sued for acting to reduce smoking, there are no similar protections when it comes to the environment or climate change. The risk that a government could be successfully sued means the ISDS provisions will have a 'chilling effect' on the government's willingness to undertake progressive environmental reform. This favours retaining low standards when these need to rise markedly. A particular concern is the impact it could have on action to cut New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions. Two weeks ago, a Canadian company announced that it will use very similar rules to sue the US government for US\$15 billion after President Obama vetoed approval for a pipeline that would have carried oil made from tar sands to the US. In this country, ISDS rules could be used to sue the government if it increased emissions charges under the ETS, or restricted the mining of fossil fuels. The TPPA contains two paragraphs that refer to a low emissions economy but do not mention the words "climate change" or the relevant global treaty, the UNFCCC. The aspirations contained in the newly minted Paris agreement are entirely disconnected from what governments are willing to sign for in a treaty that carries trade sanctions as a penalty for non-performance. Our farming family strongly opposes the signing of the TPPA and we are especially concerned about unlabelled GE food coming into NZ ("undermining consumer" right to know" and traceability). We object to the pressure for "Mutual Recognition" of GM Food approvals- here in NZ, we do not want GE food (which has been shown to be harmful to rats and other mammals in long term food testing studies), especially if it is unlabelled. GE food has inherently different risks than conventional food. No TPPA for NZ! Please keep us informed.
Philippa Clarke	I think the TPPA is an extremely short-sided agreement. Most of it has nothing to do with trade. It is about putting the needs of corporations ahead of the people of Aotearoa New Zealand and the environment that sustains us all. Its binding nature is a cause for great concern and I believe it will do next to nothing to improve the lives of everyday New Zealanders.
Lynette Idio	The NZ government must practice democracy by holding more referendums on major policy changes so that every person in this country has their right of say. Also, the government has not given our nation a clearer understanding of what exactly the TPPA will mean for our people now and in the future, pointing out both pros and cons. That is why I am trying to bring to your attention the need for NZ to be better educated in the TPPA as it will have massive effects to our lives and the generations to come.
Cameron Forbes	I am deeply concerned over what the signing of the TPPA means for the future of Aotearoa/NZ. Since 1984 our country has been changed indelibly by neo-liberal economics. While we have more consumer choice and there is more wealth in this country, this wealth is not evenly spread. We used to be an egalitarian, equal country (if we disregard our treatment of our indigenous race) where everyone could at least imagine they were in the same playing field as everyone else. Since the changes of 1984, the division of wealth has been marked. We now have conspicuous consumption in the upper socioeconomic brackets and an underclass. Aotearoa has an underclass! This appalls me. We have also seen the rise of mindless consumerism and a focus on exports and the economy ahead of anything else. We have always been "fresh meat" for foreign corporations, and this has been more so the case since 1984. My concern then with the TPPA is that it both sets us up for heading further down this path - exports and economy over environment and people and that it also compromises our ability as a nation to determine our own destiny. If corporations can be granted guaranteed access to our markets and have the ability to sue for lost profits due to law changes, then this has major effects on us citizens and our democracy. The suing by Philip Morris over the move to plain packaging for cigarettes in Australia is an example of this. For something that has been proven to be of limited economic value to the country, the sacrifice we may have to make as taxpayers isn't worth it. I oppose the TPPA. Thank you for considering my submission.
Judy Abrahams	Please don't compromise our sovereignty for the sake of trade. It's not worth it. If this agreement is signed future generations of Kiwis will suffer.

Mary Wilson	This agreement undermines people rights and favors the multinational private companies. These corporations will sue if they don't make enough profit from their investments. The New Zealand Government is meant to represent its people but it has not discussed this agreement with its citizens or Maori our partners under the treaty of Waitangi. The TPPA is being driven by Wall Street and as it is not in New Zealander's interests it must not be legalized.
Penelope Sjafrie	I vote against the TPPA
Paul Flowers	I believe that this is a corrupt treaty. We need to decentralize government and stop the corporate lobbying and theft of our sovereignty. We need to reaffirm the peoples rights and the right to freedom of choice. Only free people can make a free country and only a free country can make a free people. I say NO to the TPPA as I see it as a fraud towards the future of our children.
Shirley Vollweiler	There is likely to be little real economic benefit to NZ from this treaty - we've signed it more because we didn't want to be left out, having been largely the initiator of it, rather than because its a benefit in itself. For example, the cost of medicines and threat to our successful Pharmac process, may mean increased public costs/reduced public benefits (for those needing medicines). I object to the government negotiating this treaty in secret, and then trying to persuade us of its value, rather than asking us what we'd like in the first place. I am also unhappy that multi-nationals and overseas corporations will be able to threaten our sovereignty by suing us (or threatening to) if we enact certain legislation that doesn't suit them. It is completely ridiculous to give away such powers - this is not FOR free trade, but ANTI-democracy. Walt Disney died in Dec 1966 ie nearly 50 years ago. We have just agreed to extend copyright from 50 years to 70 years after death. What an extraordinary coincidence! - this change wouldn't have been influenced by Disney Corporation, surely?
Butch Lacy	Corporate power and influence over the political process and the politicians, themselves, undermines all concepts of 'for the public good'! This is a world wide plague, money always wins. The power of multi-national businesses, banks and the central banks of countries around the world must be stopped. The TPPA is totally a step in the wrong, very, very wrong, direction!
Stef A Murison	I am concerned that the TPPA does not prevent countries from prohibiting direct-to-consumer advertising of pharmaceuticals, but if a TPPA country that has previously permitted pharmaceutical advertising subsequently prohibits or places new limits on it, this may be challenged using the ISDS mechanism. Similarly, regulations on advertising in the interest of public health (ie. regulation of advertising high fat, high sugar food and drinks to children or plain packaging laws for tobacco) could also be challenged under ISDS. (Source: 'Preliminary analysis of the final TPP Healthcare Transparency Annex' by Dr Deborah Gleeson, School of Psychology and Public Health, La Trobe University)
Sophie McInnes	I am concerned that the extent of what the TPPA was initially intended to cover has grown so much in the intervening years and now includes so many more parties - commercial and political/national - with enough withheld text to make it hard to assess who will actually gain the most, that I honestly don't feel that any member of the general public (nor most MPs) can understand its full potential impact. Corporates and trade ministers have had years to digest the text, we have had weeks (on short rations at that), and I'm sorry but that doesn't create trust in the process.
Susette	I wish to register my opposition to our Government's involvement with the TPPA as it will infringe on the nation's future sovereignty in a broad spectrum of areas. The Govt should be submitting such decisions to a national referendum - not that the nation has much confidence any longer that the outcome of any referendum will be adhered to or even honestly conducted, so eroded has national trust in the democratic process of law become.
sharron tilyard	TPPA should not be ratified for the following reasons; The ISDS is not a true court of law. Lawyers who are involved in business should not be making the rules. Maori were never consulted. What about Maori herb medicines? Life saving medicines will be less available to those that really need them.
Catherine	We did not vote for the TPP. We don't want the TPP. We are Australian and we will fight for every right that this government is trying to strip from us. LNP. Your days are numbered. Enjoy while you can

	The TPPA is minimally about real trade - the majority content of the agreement is actually about rules that will put the handcuffs on the choices that we and future governments can make - and that's a democratic matter that shouldn't be up for negotiation. We could be sued by foreign corporations for making new laws and policies that are in the interest of the NZ public, but that aren't in their interest. And we're too small to fight back. Some of those corporations have a greater annual profit than our entire country's GDP. The impact on affordable access to life saving medicines is a major concern. Another word for reducing competition is "monopoly" - something which NZ has never been comfortable with. The likely effect on environmental initiatives is diabolical for a country that promotes itself as being clean and green. The TPPA will undermine NZ's contribution to stopping climate change. NZ will become beholden to the USA, which is undemocratic and contravenes our individual rights, and our rights as a nation. Put a stop to this ridiculous situation now! I insist that as my elected representatives, the government must withdraw from and reject the TPPA. Happy to do a referendum to change the flag? Sure! So give us the same respect with regard to the TPPA or reject it outright due to lack of support. You can't have it both ways...
Andrea Morgan	I am very concerned that so much power will be placed in the hands of large corporates which in many cases have shown themselves over the years to be interested only in pursuing their own self interest without any regard to long term consequences to people or the environment.
Joe Pickering	I moved to New Zealand because of the magic it possesses like nowhere else on this planet.we need to protect it.the only way to do this is to not be clouded by our love for money.What happened to that kiwi spirit where we said no to nuclear,that's the New Zealand I want and what I will stand for....we cannot bow down to those who hold all the cards, we need them to show their hand and share..peace and love to all
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Margaret Allen	The example of Europe's greater markets has been a shambles. Too many chiefs and too much paperwork. TPPA means too much interference with OUR country so NO. Stay true to NZ say Yrs to independence.
Sandra Dorr	The following are issues that I am against
Ellise Connelly	I do not understand how corporations not representing primary industries of the participating companies have such a significant influence. And ultimately our this influence could affect mine,my children and fellow countrymen lives.
Uri kore Merlo	I am doing this for my children and my grandchildrens future and their children's future, we cannot let this happen as a people and a nation...I say no to TPPA
Donna	I am totally opposed to New Zealand approving the TPP agreement which has been negotiated in secret not by government representatives but by corporate lawyers. The press, elected government officials and the public have had no say in what the terms are. It is a rehash of the Multilateral Investment Agreement soundly defeated in 1999. It has very little free trade provisions, mostly protections for the profits of these multinational corporations. We are already a member of the World Trade Organisation which actively promotes free trade so New Zealand will not lose out if it refuses to sign the TPP.
jim Ingram	i dont believe foreigners should have the right to speak into our sovereignty
Chris henderson	Well from what ive noticed the nz govt doesnt serve nzers but it does serve the wealthy people overseas
meduline Dauphin	For all the reasons above, for hiding it from the most concerned, for not asking US directly what we think about it, for all the corruption going on, for lying in our face,...
Loveday Kingsford	Pepe Escobar 105749470 TPP is a geostrategic deal between the US and Japan to contain China, attempting to shape an Asia-Pacific economic zone that might at least balance the second-largest economy on the planet. Everything you need to know about the incessantly ballyhooed Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) deal comes directly from the lion's mouth. Here's US President Barack Obama: "When more than 95 percent of our potential customers live outside our borders, we can't let countries like China write the rules of the global economy. We should write those rules, opening new markets to American products." Demonstrators protest against the legislation to give US President Barack Obama fast-track authority to advance trade deals, including the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), during a protest march on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, May 21, 2015. © AFP 2016/ Saul Loeb TPP: What You Need to Know About One of the World's Biggest Trade Deals So Exceptionalist must imperatively rule the trade — and war — waves if this ever shapes up as America's "Pacific Century". "Ruling", in this case, applies to a selected Pacific melting pot: the US and Japan, plus Australia, New Zealand, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam Read more: http://sputniknews.com/columnists/20151006/1028112618/tp-pact-china-menace.html#ixzz40ayJFyPO

Helene Ritchie	This agreement has little to do with trade and all to do with power, corporate power and undermining our democracy, democracy in the 12 countries. It will impact negatively on our environment, tangata whenua, and future generations, our health system and the poorest in our community exposed to unaffordable pharmaceuticals.
JOSHUA ROGERS GERBAULT	this agreement is clearly not in the best interests of the people of NZ. For such a huge and important issue, the people of NZ should be able to vote on whether or not we want to join .
Hinewai Waitoa	I don't want my kids in a country that's involved with America so closely.. This is what the TPPA is... America! My friends left America and came here to live in our beautiful country... To hear about this TPPA they were and still are horrified.. They hope they didn't pick the wrong country to live in... I hope they didn't too!
Shona McIvor	The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. While New Zealand has had no ISDS (the mechanism that allows corporations to sue countries) cases taken against it, under TPPA we could face exposure to 1608 companies from the US - the most litigious country in the world. Under the TPP, governments would lose autonomy to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would gain new powers to challenge climate and environmental policies.
Penny Fuller	Our country already has transnational corporations that have a large influence. The TPPA will make it a lot worse. ISDS will impact the general population as the country becomes poorer and the gap between the rich and poor grows even wider. Since Veolia has sued the Egyptian government for raising the minimum wage, there will be disaster for our many financially poor people, the health system, the education system and all areas of government expenditure. Also 40% of children living in poverty at the moment have at least one parent working full time to me this is wrong. The TPPA will also impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi and will remove so much from Maori. The TPPA will also undermine of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations).
Calli Morgan	I am a mother, a wife and a daughter, I moved to New Zealand 10 years ago, my family have a small food business selling real food using organic, no gmo products, we promote good environmental ethical practices, we share the importance of knowing where our food comes from, we support local and shop from farmers who are small, who are organic..... we are the future!!! we grow our own food, we save our seeds, we treat ourselves naturally and we work hard to improve the footprint we leave on this earth... we are the future!!! we support our community, we love our country, and we believe that our country and our democracy are not for sale, can not be sold and are ours. The TPPA should not be ratified in NZ.
Janelle Bilcliffe	I oppose the TPPA, corporates should not be able to overturn our democratic decisions because it impacts on profits. Philip Morris and BAT will overturn plain packaging and eliminate tax. And Heath products will be deemed as hurting the pharmaceutical industry and be made illegal. I do not support NZ joining the TPPA
Evin Wood	This agreement allows greater power to multinational corporations that will have more financial influence and control over countries such as NZ.
Maria Aiau	To our NZ Government, I'd like to say... I don't believe, for one minute that the TPPA is in the best interest of NZ, and the whole process has been undemocratic, to say the least. I am not, uninformed either. We are already trading with some of these Countries, which proves to me, this is not all about trade. We are only a small country, but we have always held our head high on the world stage, we don't need to pander to large American Corporations, or any others. And we certainly don't need to put ourselves at risk of being sued, by these Corporation Giants either. Our products are second to none, and I want to eat locally grown food... Not GM frankenfood etc, from other Countries, and paying the earth for it. If this TPPA deal is so great, why are we being told so many lies? Also stop selling off our land. It's for Kiwi's, not foreigners with mega millions. "Please stop and think, "Don't do it"
Margaret Stuart	We urge the government not to proceed with the next stage of the TPPPA. There is a very strong likelihood that the USA Senate will block President Obama's attempts to join. NZ is likely to sign up to an agreement that long-term will affect the government's ability to govern nationally because of undue influence from Supranational corporations following their narrow self-interests.
Elizabeth Peters (Ms)	It would appear to me that DEMOCRACY has made place for DICTATORSHIP. The voice of the people are being squashed. Not the vision that I have for myself and my children in New Zealand.

Anna Hamilton	i believe the tppa deal will not be a positive one. It will undermine our rights as New Zealanders to be an independent state. We will lose our clean green image when we are denied protection of our beautiful native fauna and flora + animals. We will have a government that is controlled more by corporate power and greed than the health and wellbeing of our communities. Please I beg you do not make this document legal keep our country safe.
Adam	The TPPA will have no benefit to everyday New Zealanders which are the backbone of our country, the TPPA Will enslave our country to corporations. I refuse to accept the TPPA and will protest until it is ratified.
Amanda Briggs	There are simply too many reasons to list about why this agreement is unjust and undemocratic. I need not write them all down as I'm certain many people have spent a great deal of time documenting them and this submission will be passed over without a glance anyway. I simply want to state that this is an underhand way for corporates to sweep away democratic rights and justice systems so the biggest richest corporates can do as they please without having to answer to the people or to governments. This simply cannot be allowed to go ahead.
Tony Veitch	As has been revealed in recent online sites, the text of the TPPA is not set in stone, and, in fact, is being actively modified by lobbying from the countries (or corporates within those countries). The text signed in Auckland may, in fact, be quite different in significant areas to that which is put before the American Congress. We should be wary of ratifying an 'evolving' text! Climate is hardly mentioned in the TPPA text. Yet this is the greatest issue facing the world. The TPPA will do nothing to help us cope with the massive climate changes which lie ahead. On the issue of sovereignty, allowing 'corporates' and especially litigious US corporates to have ANY influence in our internal affairs amounts, in my opinion, as a treasonous act against the people of this country. In fact, in true neoliberal terms, our members of parliament will become merely 'middle management' for the wealthy elite. The whole TPPA is TOXIC and should be rejected in its entirety. Let's have FAIR trade rather than free trade.
matt johnnson	not without public approval should tppa be
Christine Williams	Take the time go look at where we are and where we've been and where we are going. The past was better than today and what is comings tomorrow. This is the start of the end. Hold off, don't sign, let's get back to the way it should be.
simone murphy	i worry that with this tppa, health care will go up, as it will limit our ability to source cheaper medicine, and the ones that will be affected by this are the people that the government should be looking out for the most. the government is already making cuts to health care, what will happen when the only medicine the country can buy is from one sole supplier and they get to decide how much they charge. i feel that the government should be a representation of the people that it is working for. (that's right you work for the people of New Zealand! it seems as though you have forgotten this) And if the people don't want this then it shouldn't be done!
Sonia Marsden	We are so lucky in nz to have such creative and think outside the square kind of people. We don't need more goods made from people who don't get paid enough or treated well. We don't need money coming before our environment and we don't need medicines costing more. We don't need the tppa.the rich are just getting richer. We are the new working class poor and nobody cares.
Robin Purdey	Our activities and health, education and many of the day to day activities will be able to be controlled and altered by large ,mainly American companies to maximize their income and therefore profit whether or not this is to our benefit or to our detriment
Lorraine Kite	NZ is my country. I was born here, raised here, I raised my two children here, I voted in democratic elections, am a law abiding citizen, I am not a 'rent a mob'. This being the case I wish to convey my deepest disapproval of the TPPA process as inflicted on me by my government. My country's sovereignty has been lost, her health budget will rocket, her laws and governments will be powerless against the wants and greed of overseas corporations, her environment will suffer and her people will be silenced. This is wrong, immoral and is something I want STOPPED. Stop the TPPA, give me my country back.
Pauline Tasker	We do NOT want NZ to be sold off or be under the control of multi national corporations.
G C Gillard	I believe we have already seen a small scale example of corporate takeover. That is the recycling scheme which used to be on Waiheke Island. An efficient recycling scheme which employed local people and produced high grade, that is, well separated, rubbish for recycling was replaced by big brother Auckland City Council with an international corporations "recycling" scheme which basically, produces rubbish. This is an indication of things to come under TPP. Corporate profits over the state of New Zealand and the Mother Earth.

Raeoni Jackson.	The loss of our sovereignty. The threat to climate action and our environment. The cost to consumers for copyright extensions. Internet protections and privacy. The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi. The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations). ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement). The impact it will have on our public health and medicines. Corporate power and influence over the political process. Just says it all really the rich get richer and the poor get poorer.
Chloe Searle	The TPPA is a threat to NZ ability to make decisions at a government level in the best interests of citizens.
Robin Hume	This gives power to corporations and restrains elected and future Governments. The secrecy of the current NZ government and lack of respect for citizens to have prior access to or vote on issues before signing is alarming. Secrecy has no integrity and is unhealthy. Therefore the TPPA is an agreement that will benefit few and disadvantage many. The TPPA makes slaves of future generations.
Rae McLauchlan	It is apparent that there is much to be gained by Big Business but I fear that it is at the expense of taxpayers of our country who actually carry the burden of taxation
Leon Perelo Haiu	TPPA is NOT GOOD for New Zealand!! It will open the door for multi national companies to come through and influence, undermine, overrule and sue our country. It will have companies render Te Tiriti o Waitangi null in void, this is terrible! There is far more harm than can occur than positives. This must not go ahead!! For the future of New Zealand and its people.
Roger Cooper	The major banks and multinational corporations can run rings around us economically and legally, and this TPP gives them added power and political influence.
Daliani Mowbray	I don't want NZ lost our sovereignty, internet protections and privacy, and corporate power and influence over the political process. I really miss David Longi, the true New Zealander, patriotic to NZ, that made NZ feel proud to have him. He always stand for New Zealander, what a great Man. I wish he still with us as our Prime Ministry, to save this country from this new imperialism. GOD SAVE NEW ZEALAND
Mike Roberts	I have listened to both sides of the TPPA argument and have made a balanced opinion in regards to the agreement. There is simple too many disadvantages in relation to the limited trade upsides for this to be of any benefit to the majority of New Zealanders whatsoever. The ability for Corporate companies to have so much power, the costs to our health care, the ability for unrestrained purchase of New Zealand by foreign ownership- countered with the trade deals which in reality are not even worth that much in relative terms- and does not even include benefits for our dairy industry- It is simply not worth being involved in, and certainly not before seeing how many other Countries decide to join or to not do so. The fact even the major US congress is struggling to get the numbers to make this deal a reality is a major concern and should be a warning sign for many of the minnow nations such as we are. In conclusion as a voting citizen of New Zealand I strongly oppose this agreement and New Zealand signing it.
Stephen Collins	Simply put, New Zealand is New Zealand and ours. Greed seems to be the backbone these days.
Rachel Wallace	I do not support TPPA or a government that has forgotten that it represents the people who elected it.
Stuart Martin	I have never read anything about this so called trade agreement that has any real benefit to NZ. I am also concerned about the whole way this was negotiated in secret. This agreement may not be all that detrimental to me, but I honestly believe it will impact negatively on my children & grandchildren. Everything I have read about this agreement appears to favour the big corporations. I am totally against the TPPA
Daryll Ngaheu-Webster	No to TPPA.
Rachel Voon	The TPPA is a bill that supports corporations over the voices of our country's people. Our people have spoken out strongly against this. The only fair and just thing to do is to not go ahead with this.
Barry Bartlett	Corporate greed overriding democracy

Megan Phillips	Dear John and caucus, I feel worried about where our nation is heading. I feel frustrated at the lack of validation and attention not been afforded to the people of New Zealand and around the world who are saying no to the TPPA. We have some valid reasons for concern. Signing the TPPA has taken away our autonomy as an independent nation. We will be beholden to big corporations and bigger players. They have more saying power. There are places in the text that speak to food labelling, (no voice or right of appeal if we have concern) you have already confirmed that medicines will cost more (this makes sense if you want a whole portion of the population to die) but surely we don't so, there will be many who won't have access to treatment!!! That feels inhumane. I love our country the way it is. I feel recently you have minimized, blamed, avoided, denied and even lied about the impact of the TPPA on us as a people. I feel you have behaved in a way that is not befitting for the leader of New Zealand. Please while you have the chance too, retreat and make a stand with us. Please don't leave this wreckage as your legacy. Remember A good leader always know when to admit they were wrong and when to say I messed up. Regards Megan Phillips.
Jill Spicer	You have been elected to defend democracy In New Zealand, for now and for generations to come. Don't sign it away. If this is such a good thing why is it in secret?
Faith Scandlyn	Life saving medicines will become more expensive. The TPP will affect the cost of future treatments for cancer and new vaccines. We have always been a country that cares about its people so how can the TPP be good for New Zealand when these obstacles come with it.
Brent McConachy	i think its wrong for a new review mechanism for pharmaceutical companies to challenge PHARMAC's decisions. Patent extensions will cost about \$1 million a year, while setting up the PHARMAC review process will cost \$4.5 million upfront with \$2.2million a year in ongoing costs Global expanded market access for Big Pharma at monopoly prices dictated by industry. This will hit less developed countries and us the hardest
zak	The TPPA is undemocratic and allows unprecedeted power of corporations over the rights of the people of New Zealand. It has been negotiated in secret and the National Party stooges have lied from the very beginning about the threat it poses to our freedom, our environment, our laws and our health!
david B Jones	The third human colonization of NZ has been going on over recent decades. Its force has been economic. Its direction has been foreign capital. The exchange has been for land and innovation. The result has been for the creation of a divided society based on unfair distribution of wealth and economic power. I contend that the TPP (A) is an extension of this third colonization and that the "trade" designation to the deal is a scam. The essence of this deal is to increase the power of investors specifically for PROFIT which will limit liability towards the environment and worker rights - these being externalities to the main thrust of business competition. For example IF my dildo making enterprise disposes of old stock in the creek and my workers are on zero contracts then I will be very competitive. (Dispossessed workers may protest with them in the face of politicians ,which could become increasingly poignant.) Humor aside, the main thrust of this submission is that without good govt led policy for workers and the environment, erosion of quality of life, particularly for the disabled and vulnerable groups of society. This deal threatens to increase the stats for prisons, homelessness, child poverty, life expectancy (suicide), by undermining the legislation that protects welfare rights and worker rights. New Zealands social statistics in health, education and welfare have been sliding down the ranks of OECD state comparisons, TPPA will further that slide. My experience of community work in the last 25 years backs this up. Now the work is more about "holding" clients in the slide downwards in the poverty stakes. If one can keep a roof over the head of a client that is a major achievement. But to think of progress and independence is increasingly becoming an illusion of government social policy,
Rebekah manley	I am unhappy with the complete lack of consultation with public regarding things that will affect us in such a big way. I don't want to live in a country that is part of this agreement and has priorities that disempower people and benefit companies that aren't from nz. I don't want this signed but the government did it anyway. I feel completely powerless and have no confidence the the nz government represents me or my beliefs.
Sheryl Read	It is an interesting so called "democracy" when the people of the Nation of New Zealand are not being told about the details of the PPTA, and infact are being deliberately being "kept in the dark" due to the secret deal. That is not democratic!!!

Joe and Gaylene Thompson	<p>We want and need to be self-governing and we will not accept any other country dictating to us by threat of legal action if and when we pass laws that do not fit with their (or big business) objectives. We want to ensure that NZ remains GE free but we are risking our right to determine this through local government policies barring such. Also we feel this agreement will seriously undermine the good work being done with Treaty claims although we are not personally beneficiaries of same. Government's efforts to right some of the historical wrongs inflicted on Maori could be seriously compromised. We do not want our system of medication funding to change - if it aint broke don't fix it! Tell these other countries we will do very well thank you without their stand-over tactics. Don't ratify this agreement - just for once listen to your people!</p>
Leanne	No no no
Ewen	<p>I could not feel more strongly apposed than I do to the TPP. Its signing is an act of gross stupidity and cowardice. There is little in it of any benefit to New Zealanders and many aspects that would be immediately and potentially, hugely damaging. The desire of the pathetic individuals in the National party to curry favour and suck up to big business has overridden their responsibility to protect the rights of New Zealanders and to ensure that what happens in New Zealand is determined by the laws of New Zealand. The fact that they have done this is small minded and morally bankrupt. How dare they, in the face of huge public opposition. They don't have the right to make this corrupt call.</p>
Jane	<p>If it goes ahead, we risk damage to our economy, our environment, our health, and the ability to shape our own future. We have the right to know what is done in our name and to have a say but the TPPA is being negotiated in private. Big overseas companies will be able to sue the New Zealand government for millions in damages in secretive offshore tribunals, claiming that new laws and regulations. Medicines will become more expensive as big pharmaceutical companies gain more influence over PHARMAC, and restrictions are placed on generic medicines. Copyright laws will be toughened and more harshly enforced, restricting internet freedom and access to information, costing libraries, schools, and businesses, and stifling innovation. Policy decisions like the privatisation of state assets would be effectively locked in, and public interest policies such as measures to discourage smoking would be subject to strong legal challenges. Defending these laws can be extremely costly, and waste state resources. Foreign banks, insurance companies and money traders will gain more powers to challenge laws designed to prevent another financial crisis; and overseas property dealers could contest moves to burst the property bubble, such as a capital gains tax.</p>
Pieter Battaerd	<p>New Zealanders have the right to make decisions for themselves and need to be supplied the information to enable those decisions. We are responsible citizens who care about each other, our environment, our health and welfare and these considerations should not be compromised for corporate greed. Sovereignty is paramount, we will not surrender our democracy for profit.</p>
Josh Jenkins	<p>John Key and the national party decision to sign TPPA was not a democratic decision and does not reflect the wider NZ community views around foreign trade. Give Kiwis a say in their country's future.</p>
Sindy Hawthorne-Fong	<p>It will impact the choices future governments can and cannot make, and this is not democracy. Corporations should not be able to have a say over the laws and policies we make for public interest, our country cannot be at the whims of corporations but should stay for the people by the people. The TPPA will not honour the treaty of Waitangi, nor the people of New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies will wield too much power and medicine prices will increase, making it harder for struggling communities to afford health care. I am not happy about the loss of sovereignty we will experience as a nation, whilst putting profit and bottom lines above all else. This is not the kind of reality I want for myself or envision for my children and their children.</p>
Bronwen Phillips	<p>I work in the health sector currently people can not afford necessary health treatments I am observing a fast depreciation of our health care in todays environment. If we become a fully user pay society at increased market prices we will also see increased deterioration of our societies and health systems. Necessary treatments are becoming inaccessible to many, only financial secure people will benefit from TPPA and in reality that is only a small percentage of NZ population. I am worried that other countries will desecrate New Zealand beautiful environment we already have increased environmental & ecological concerns. We run the risk up destroying what we have just to please other countries needs once our environment is destroyed there is no way we can fix it we need to prevent other countries coming in to NZ and influencing unsustainable business that leaves death & destruction of animals and the land it resides in for the proverbial \$. I am upset as many people are with the secret negotiations of TPPA it will prove to be the John Keys is opening the proverbial Pandora's Box and New Zealand will suffer the consequences of these private business transactions. It will only increase poverty and hardship I have seen so much recently through my current employment. So I am definitely saying NO WAY TO TPPA</p>

mark yates	I submit that other governments or large corporations should not have any control over our government or be able to influence our decisions that new zealanders as a whole want. The larger corporations usually influence their control and power because they are out to maximise their own products or services for the sake of making money and not necessarily for the good of the people. This should not be allowed to happen in New Zealand.
Katrina Bradley	We are a democracy. This means that any changes in laws, legislation and policies needs to go through with utter transparency and pro voting from our people. The treaty of Waitangi has many faults, but it protects our countries lands and assets in ways that other countries can't. No treaty with international countries should go through without the ok from our people, and without all implications involved being made clear for an informed decision. We should have learned by now after years of difficulties with the miscommunication of the treaty of Waitangi upon its signing that any treaty for the people needs utter transparency and clear communication.
Umbar	For a country that prides itself on upholding democracy, you're doing a mighty good job going against everything we stand for. TPPA? No way.
Rachel McLaren	While New Zealand has had no ISDS (the mechanism that allows corporations to sue countries) cases taken against it, under TPPA we could face exposure to 1608 companies from the US - the most litigious country in the world. http://www.tppafacts.co.nz/explore-issues/investors-rights/
Abbie Mataio	"Present" It is not what will be in time from now, It is what you do now till 'your' end of time. "Future" It is your choice and reason, that shall effect others even when your time is done. "Past" What once was, no longer effects anything. What is your reason for this choice, that WILL effect the people long after your time is done. Are you living for today?.
Emma	Issues: -Corporate power and influence over the political -
Victoria Ann Jerome	Let's not lose control of our beautiful country and end up having it run by foreigners to suit their own ends.
Juerg Ritter	I have no problem to sign what really would be a trade agreement - this could be easily drafted and signed with the main aim of reducing trade tariffs. The TPPA is NOT creating any real benefits to New Zealand but affects us in negative ways, like we have never seen in this country. TPPA gives unprecedented power to corporations and their own "court" above the sovereignty of nations and local, regional and national laws. The TPPA is based on greed, benefiting the 0.1 % who already own half of the world's resources (62 people own 50 % of the world's resources according to Oxfam), while the "bottom" 50 % of the world population between 2010 and 2015 has seen their "wealth" decline by 40 % (Oxfam). This in contrast to the wealth of the richest 62 people over the same period having increased by ONE TRILLION DOLLARS. This is insane and NOT sustainable. It is the 0.1 % (mainly Zionist people and their networks of corporations, media conglomerates, industrial-military complex, pharmaceutical and chemical corporations) who want even more power and money. Clearly, they are psychopaths who neither care about other people or Mother Earth. We, as people of New Zealand must stand up towards those who basically wage war against humanity for their own profit and power. How can it be, that a government negotiates in secrecy some of our most important sovereign rights away.... I believe this is treason and people, ministers and MP involved should be sentenced and imprisoned for life. Interestingly, this agreement (after the already disastrous NAFTA agreement with Canada and Mexico) does not even have the approval of the U.S. Senate/Congress. New Zealand has much to lose (environment, pure oceans) and why is China not part of this agreement (because the agreement is meant to isolate China, which is frankly very stupid, 1.3 billion people, one of NZ's most important trade partners).
Kelsey Mettner	I think it's a bad idea to give other countries more say over what happens in our country. Also we all know how bad the American health system is, we don't want to become more like them at all. Please stop this from going ahead it will ruin everything that we love about our country
Louise McLean	I am against signing the agreement as it will give more power to corporations and undermine our democracy. I don't believe that any benefits outweigh the impact of signing this agreement for our country. I don't think that the signing of this agreement would respect what has already been agreed in the Treaty of Waitangi. We need to protect our environment and take action against climate change rather than signing the agreement that puts more power into the hands of those that have no such concerns for conservation but prefer to profit regardless of environmental and human impact. I am deeply concerned about the secrecy involved with this agreement and also the impact it will have on our purchasing of medicines.

Lee	<p>It is not in the interests of this nation to agree to the Trans Pacific Partnership. A trade agreement between Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Peru, Malaysia, Mexico, Singapore, Vietnam, the United States and New Zealand has to have the support of the people currently living in New Zealand. This Partnership clearly does not have the support of Māori and New Zealanders. All Māori and New Zealanders need to know that foreign states and corporations are obliged under the Treaty of Waitangi and UN Declaration to respect the rights of all Māori and New Zealanders. All Māori and New Zealanders need to be engaged before and during trade deal negotiations that are for all Māori and New Zealanders. All Māori and New Zealanders need to know that foreign investors and corporations can not take claims to arbitration in alleged breaches of contract with Māori and New Zealanders. This country belongs to all Māori and New Zealanders.</p>
Karel Fourie	<p>When i came to NZ it was a wonderful place to live, In the past couple of years I have seen the colour being drained away more and more. I fear that, should we give corporations free reign to control our democratic process, the NZ I came to love will be gone.</p>
Juliet Feast	<p>The lack of any transparency before the final draft was made-public , given the seriousness and implications of this 'trade' agreement has demonstrated an erosion of the democratic processes which New Zealanders hold dear. Lack of informed public discussion is also of concern. Ignoring the real concerns from a broad base of the New Zealand public and /or attempting to minimise their concerns by politicians demonstrates an arrogance and out of touch government. Concerns centre around the ISDS rather than a trade agreement.</p>
Steve Cook	<p>I oppose the TPP because: 1. we need to be free to pass laws to protect our fisheries, reduce CO2 output, and protect our environment without being shackled by the TPP. 2. The New Zealand Government must retain control over activities of corporations. The TPP gives corporations control over our which laws our parliament passes. 3. I am very worried about our country being run to avoid ISDS problems, not being run according to the wishes of New Zealanders.</p>
shea croft	<p>I feel that New Zealand should stay out of the tppa as it brings no benefits to our people and we ate a country that should stand alone and lead by example</p>
Jutta Blank	<p>The TPPA scares me for what it contains. It is for who's benefit? I will only go with a solution that will be helping the numerous problems us people are facing.</p>
john hieatt	<p>If the Tppa is ratified it would be bad for the New Zealand Economy and give Multi national corporations alot of power over the government and our environment *It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. *New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. *Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. *The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. *Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits *Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. *Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. *Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. *In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.</p>
Nicholas Masame`	<p>Rigging the system and literally enslaving the future generations of Kiwi New Zealanders. people this is the time stand up. you live in democracy not a dictatorship</p>
Amy M	<p>https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DZmWBRsJ4gA&sns=fb It's as immoral to let corporations have any right to sue the government as it is to let religion do so. What if a multinational wants to pull a keystone, and we the people say no? Who has the greater right? The right to profit or the right to protect the land we borrow from the future generations? You say Aotearoa is one of the easiest countries to trade with, why try to fix what is not broken? Let New Zealand, Aotearoa stand strong again like we did in the anti nuclear days.. Keep NZ green and keep GM/GE out.. Support local.</p>
David McNeill	<p>The chilling effect of ISDS and agreement principals in general will limit current and future governments ability to regulate. Corporate entities can claim just about any rule change will reduce their profits in some way. This is unacceptable. Organisations whose sole imperative is more profit should not have veto control over an entire sovereign nation and it's people. That of course, is entirely how they want it. We have to stand up and say no.</p>
anthony borrie	<p>every body has seen the impact of these tribunals. such as cases brought against Canada, for trying to negotiate medicine prices. Germany for fazing out nuclear power, Egypt for trying to raise the minimum wages. It's pretty clear that the old system of going through the world trade organisation, by countries is the right one. so go back renegotiate the deal so that we aren't bullied by corporations, into changing our laws, so we don't lose our sovereignty</p>

g. m. scott	Too much influence from USA. NZ should use its uniqueness for developing trade with who we want.
brian Mangin	Free Traded Agreement my foot. I do not trust the rich elites and Multi National Corporations who are aggrandizing themselves with higher and higher incomes, avoiding paying taxes, while the ordinary person's incomes stagnate and their taxes are used to subsidize eg. the corporations who are too big to fail. LET THEM FAIL???? In researching a speech (Titled "The Power of the Corporations versus the Individual) to my Toastmasters Club, I discovered in David Hymans book "Economics 2nd Edition" a corporation was defined, as a business that is legally established under state laws, that grant it an identity separate from its owners. A corp is a legal fiction (invention.). This is a term used by lawyers to describe a preposterous or impossible state of affairs that everyone accepts. From a legal standpoint a corp is a person. By incorporating, the owners of a firm can create an organisation that can legally own property, can incur debts, & is otherwise granted many legal rights of a citizen, including the right to engage in litigation. I do not ACCEPT this preposterous or impossible state of affairs! Please refrain from signing this Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement.? A more important justification not to support the TPPA is how the deceitful Monsanto Corporation got the "Monsanto Protection Act" passed through the US Government. Hardly anyone appeared to know of a provision within it. The International Business Times had an article titled "Monsanto Protection Act - 5 terrifying things to know about the HR933 Provision". These Multinational Corps are the real Terrorists in the world, maximising their profits no matter the cost. Be it Peoples lives, our environment, our so called democratic political system. I say, "shame". Please, Do not support the TPPA????? I consider it treachery against the citizens of this country, even those who are deceived into supporting it. Brian Mangin
Kim Redshaw	I am concerned about the TPPA as it impacts on our country being able to make decisions based upon the best interests of the people of Aotearoa. Big business and corporations shouldn't be able to make decisions that are best for them and not in the interests of the people. We are a wonderful country and this is a great place to bring up our tamariki - please don't turn us into a mini America :(Don't let your personal agenda's influence this highly important decision!!!! We are a democracy, lets vote on the TPPA!!!
Giuliana morani	There should be a referendum about this rather than the change of flags! I didnt hear about thousands of people marching the streets cause they weren't happy about our flag!
Lyn	Firstly I am concerned that the TPPA signing is detrimental to so many areas of New Zealanders lives The secrecy surrounding it is was a major "red flag" in regards to our citizens not being allowed to take part in a "democratic"wayAfter all this affects every single NZ citizen not just those who wish to free trade at all costs It is a glorified corporate takeover bid which if ratified takes away the peoples right to choose the "better life" that NZ is well known for It is extremely disappointing that our current government is choosing to ignore the multitudes concerns and rushing headlong into what many of us consider a total disaster
barry Jenkins	I wish to keep nz in our own hands, not in those of a corporation
Marilyn Slater	From all that I have heard, seen and read the TPPA is NOT a free trade agreement like the China Free Trade Deal, which at least sees N.Z. getting some kind of a fair deal. TPPA is a sell-out to the highest bidders; largely US corporate entities which value profit over everything: impersonal, inhumane and absolutely without accountability. I do not want to see New Zealand or her citizens subject to other nations' rules and regulations, especially if the Republicans take control of the US at their next elections. John Key and his party have not been listening to the people of this country - they appear to be entirely caught up in their own wealthy little world and seem to have scant regard for this nation, its people, its customs, lore and laws. Perhaps this National government is jaded and has lost touch with the people - most of us don't want a new flag and we don't want to be subject to the uncertain laws and dictates of massive, overweening, power-hungry bunch of soulless corporations.
Melanie Rangiawha	Please don't take away our power. Let NZ be in control of NZ.

Mandy McGirr	The process through which the TPPA was negotiated is as much of concern as the content of what was agreed to. The secrecy of what was being offered and considered as negotiating points was not justified for any reasons regarding keeping a negotiating advantage for our country. The public have not been given any valid reason why the public could not have been consulted or at least informed of details that were being negotiated even after negotiations are over. The lack of public consultation and refusal to grant public access to information about what was being negotiated was undemocratic to an extent that seriously concerns me. Especially given that what was being negotiated involved commitments that could compromise the extent of our central and local governments' rights and powers to control decision-making within our country. It bind us to long term changes regarding the rights of our state versus corporations to sue or resolve disputes - potentially in ways that could overrule the authority of future New Zealand governments to make or enforce legislation. For example, if there was a public mandate in the future for the New Zealand to create legislation restricting non-citizen or non-resident purchases of New Zealand residential property, the government could potentially be challenged and prevented from exercising its right to create such legislation thanks to our TPPA free trade obligations. Even if this example problem does not happen, the potential that TPPA negotiations have created for this kind of problem to happen is not worth the proposed gains to be had from the TPPA and the risk of this problem becoming a reality - not at least without having gained more explicit public support for such a trade off.
Hope Matthews	Our country is lovely and everyone wants to live here, I don't want it changed/ruined. I want it left as it is. Also our leader never involved us in the decision.
Ash Robinson	Of concern to me is the extent to which this agreement makes many industries less competitive overall. If I want to start a business locally, trade, employ, and grow sustainably over time, I will be more vulnerable to an international competitor with great resource and no restriction on trade in my sector, and possibly more corporate friendly tax rules, labour rights, subsidies etc, in their home country. This new business environment excludes smaller and more ethical or environmentally minded players, relegating them to 'niche' markets and can only result in monopolistic behaviour from those companies in already dominant positions, with the resource to take full advantage of arbitration courts, international currency and labour hedging, loss-leading, etc. I would have so much more respect for a treaty that included at least some initiatives around knowledge and cultural exchange, civil defense partnerships, environmental initiatives, shared health and social welfare goals, tackled corruption and truly, clearly placed social responsibility at a higher priority over profit protection. The last thing our world needs is more profit at any cost - we need circular economic thinking. You need to tear this agreement up and start again with the right motives, for everyone's sake.
Jean Grace	NZ needs total transparency in political decisions affecting everyday life of NZ ers, now and in the future. All laws must benefit the climate, water, air, land and people of NZ before it benefits business, corporations, or other countries. The fundamental purpose of NZ democratic government is to treat the NZ population FIRST as a FAMILY, and secondly as a business. The TPP does none of this, therefore it is detrimental to NZ and its people, and must not be signed
Leigh-anne Cheung	I don't want New Zealand to sign TPPA and- The loss of our sovereignty The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) Corporate power and influence over the political process
Gene Paul Stringer	it sets a dangerous precedent when Rules and 'laws' are written by Corporate representatives rather than representatives of the public, how did this concept ever get this far?
Susan Washington	It is not based on anything democratic in how it was formed, it has the possibility of disastrous impacts for climate, health, the Treaty of Waitangi and our sovereignty. There is nothing honest in the motivations or intentions of this. It is simply based on greed for money and power.
Siaosi kaafi	Just don't support it at all. The ones who will suffer most will be our kids
zara rogers	New Zealand is not for sale. I want to make decisions about my country, I don't agree that multi national companies should have the right to do as they please in my country. Multi national companies have not served us they have not made holistic changes, in fact they continue to destroy our planet, with gmo , pollution, and are only focused on making money for there share holders. It's time to take action it's time to say NO. I wish to challenge all multi national companies and say change your ways for the benefit of our planet, oceans and animals and people. No more toxins, pollutants and inhumane ways of treating animals. Go organic! Make change! Forget the dollar and remember our planet. Love, unity and oneness not fear, separation and pain. There's nothing to gain from TPPA. I shout NO WAY!

Richard Cruice	Hi Guys this is the first time I've got involved in politics. I had to let you know from a real kiwi on the street perspective why this scares us. I personally don't have any problem with free trade. Where this frustrates me is the impact this has on the working class. This deal risks a lot from a working class perspective with the investor disputes provisions and the conditions around our laws to be the bottom line on kiwi living conditions. I personally love our country and do not see the value simply in our economy. The record tourist numbers year after year are not here to look at our economy. It's a beautiful place with beautiful people. I choose not to pursue the high paying, high stress, high hours jobs in the cities. The beauty of the kiwi economy for me and many many others is that if I can live cheaply I can have a lot of time to enjoy the land and people that tourists rave about. For people like me who are genuinely passionate about where we are from and our way of life this deal just offers little for us with some huge losses. I'm not convinced by the idea that the wins for those avoiding tariffs would in any way flow on to the people who genuinely need a break. From the many discussions I've had with people face to face there is a strong strong level of opposition to this deal. I personally have not even made any of the protests not because I do not support efforts to be heard. Simply because I spent the time with friends and family enjoying this wonderful country. I really wish you would all just stop this madness and cancel the whole thing. This country has so so much to give and we need nothing in reality. We import wants not needs. We can be a powerful uncompromising negotiator from that perspective. Demand the price for what we trade, not roll over and let them rig our laws.
Emily	The Global expanded market access for Big Pharma at monopoly prices dictated by industry. This will hit less developed countries hardest, the people who need healthcare most! Patent extensions will cost about \$1 million a year, while setting up up the PHARMAC review process will cost \$4.5 million upfront with \$2.2million a year in ongoing costs, how much more debt are you intending to make us pay for? The weak conservation provisions of the TPP environment chapter do not change the fact that, under the TPP, governments would lose ability to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would get the power to challenge climate and environmental policies, policies we should be in charge of. The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. Making deals to be in the 'club' at the cost of what the public wants is wrong. You say that things will be better but well informed, intelligent people are looking at your deal and seeing the flaws. Yet our prime minister calls them a 'rent a crowd'! Such disrespect shows how little you actually care about the people of nz. The fact that your deal is going impact us means we deserve a say in what you are doing. I say NO!
Christine	The ignorance and secretiveness of the entire process. The lack of Maori representation. The under minding of New Zealand society in its entirety. The unknowing of impact for our future generations.
Chantelle Callagher	I am very concerned that democracy is no longer in place in this country and the Government does not listen to the people they serve. Corporate power should not be put over the well being of people and the environment.
john bookless	the whole basis of 'free trade' impedes a countries ability to protect its home industries which in turn promotes the miss use , and waste of precious world resources,
Joanne	The threat to climate action and our environment. Corporate power and influence over the political process. Internet protections and privacy. The undermining of our democracy eg. secret negotiations secret tribunals... need to listen more to what the people want and need for our people and our country. You guys are playing with peoples lives. Stop TPPA.
Dr Tony MacCulloch	I am writing to the select committee set up to receive and consider submissions opposing the TPPA. Among many disquiets I have regarding the TPPA, three stand out for me. 1. The manner in which thiis entire process has been managed using secrecy and empty reassurances illustrates how willing our government is to compromise fundamental tenets of democracy. 2. From the little information the public have been given about the TPPA it is clear to me that it gives enormous power to multinational corporations to have legalised influence over our political process. 3. Their legally sanctioned powers authorised under the terms of the TPPA will undermine and fundamentally compromise the sovereign rights. and powers of our country. Our very sovereignty is much too important to sacrifice to satisfy the commercial agendas of un-named and unaccountable corporations.
Donna Steer	I think NZ should just look after itself. No imports or export, cut them all off. Feed OUR meat to OUR kids. We need our own power, we don't want to be in this war. Say NO to the TPPA !
m.giza@live.com	TPPA don't care about the environment.
Jack Callister	To whom it may concern, I believe the TPPA should not become ratified as it infringes on human rights as stated by the United Nations http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=17005&LangID=E

Edwin napa	The secrecy of the deal and its contents is outrageouswho in their right mind would ever sign a contract without knowing the details. Its secret because its an out right scam to benefit nobody but the people who perpetrated this scummy document and our prime minister is the driver
Helen Goile	The TPPA is evidently more a charter of corporate rights than a 'free trade' agreement. It gives only token consideration to the stakeholders who must bear the corresponding obligations. It is also no equal partnership when signatories must pass US certification to be deemed compliant. The supposed economic benefits to New Zealand are negligible even ignoring the potential costs of Investor-State Dispute Settlements or reducing PHARMAC control. No current geopolitical strategy justifies the surrender of so much sovereignty impairing the ability to manage domestic affairs.
Dave Barnett	I don't want corporations to have control and influence over our political process. Corporations do not care about people - they care about money and I feel that this is morally wrong. People should come first before profit.
Tony Hastie	Corporates already have too much power and you want to give them more? Stop sucking up to them and do a bit for the every day New Zealanders, some who are struggling to make ends meet. Grow some balls and stand up to these tax dodging bullies!
Laurie Ross	The overriding reason why the New Zealand government should withdraw from the TPPA is that it would be handing over too much power to the transnational corporations. The government will not be able to maintain social and environmental values and policies that obstruct commercial activities of multinational corporate businesses whose only interest is to make profit (whatever the cost to the environment or loss of social well-being) Multinational Corporations can sue the country in secret tribunals if the people and government of New Zealand tries to prevent or stop their activities. Only a small percentage of people will gain from this deal not the general populace. I do not believe the TPPA (in its present form) is in New Zealand's best interest and the negative impacts across the board, far outweigh the benefits. Please listen to the voice of the people.
bailey	Full disclosure and ramifications now and the coming decades. What are our bail out procedures and penalties
Rosey mcconnon	Future generations will look back in history and be educated about the mistake our prime minister John Key & his party made involving NZ to TPPA. Please rethink!
Bruce Gilbert	The 'cons' are not worth the 'pros' of the TPPA. The whole thing is a two-pronged smokescreen anyway: (1): Empowering Multinational Corporations over the democratically elected Government of New Zealand & (2): Empowering US sovereignty around the Pacific in the face of threats by China & Russia.
Nguyen van Tuan	The TPPA is a naked attempt by the Government of the United States of America to subvert the democracy and sovereignty of New Zealand to the benefits of the shareholders of American corporations, and to the detriment of New Zealanders. American president, Barack Obama, has stated quite openly that the purpose of the TPPA is to dictate American policies, not to promote free trade. I submit that there is NO benefits to New Zealand to ratify the TPPA.
jeremy white	There has been zero transparency in this process. I believe it will hand too much power to big corporations at the cost of the taxpayer. It's undemocratic! There is no evidence we have seen that it will help trade. We need to the right to be able to change laws that need changing without fear of massive lawsuits against the taxpayer. The list goes on. This is not in the interests of the people. The people must come FIRST.
Mua Strickson-Pua	[1] Sovereignty must not be eroded or sold. [2] Treaty of Waitangi must not be superseded by TPPA. [3] Corporate interest must not be the only driver of our economic policies. [4] The whole process of secrecy and not consulting was unethical and undemocratic.
Dan Dooley	As a student studying towards a degree in Computer Science wishing to enter industry within the next few years, many parts of the TPPA worry me that the industry I could be joining will not be the same as I imagine it to be now.
Ava Ellwood	This is not how our democracy works and this government has no right to ham string future parties elected to the terms of the TPPA! Child poverty is a serious issue faced by many NZ families and giving more power to big pharm is only going to put health care and medicines even further out of reach for those most vulnerable. I believe this is threatening our sovereignty and the treaty of waitangi and will in the long run totally change for the worse the New Zealand we know. Sincerely Ava
cheryl	The USA has no right to control our country , and John Key has no right to change our democracy or health care .
Leroy Christensen	we are getting shafted, pretty obvious

Sene Crowe	TPPA is a free for all at the highest level. Ordinary citizens do not want it, it does not serve us. It serves the elite, who dictate to the ordinary person. We are not protected as we are led to believe. This is not democratic. This is not ethical. This is not what Aotearoa was founded on.
Darnell	Please don't do this. No good can come from following America!!
Raylene Tarei	The loss of our sovereignty on how New Zealand governs and protects our rights as a people will be loss. People voice to debate and challenge will be taken away. The treaty of Waitangi was between pakeha and maori, maori rights will be loss. Society are now having baby boomers retiring and you want to make health cuts which have already started and medication not easily accessible to public. The only winners in this TPPA are the corporate power and the super rich who will make decision for our country through money. And don't care for New Zealand as a whole only as cash cow.
Yvonne Muskee	I am very concerned about the TPP Agreement. It is not in the best interest of New Zealand's land, sea or inhabitants to allow International Corporations and other countries to have the power to override the People of Aotearoa. 1. It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. 2. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. 3. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. 4. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. 5. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits 6. Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 7. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. 8. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. 9. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. 10. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.
D J Pyle	I do not support changing copyright laws to enable the criminal prosecution of those who do not have commercial intent I do not support New Zealand's health system becoming a slave to overseas commercial drug companies. Healthcare is a right, and not a privilege, it is immoral to profit from healthcare and our country should be taking a stand on this issue. I do not support giving way to overseas companies chasing our government for projected losses due to changes in New Zealand law. For the above reasons and more; do not continue with the TPPA.
Dan Brazier	I do not consider that there has been sufficient independent due diligence undertaken on the costs and benefits of entering the TPPA.
Kieren Trass	Save us the propaganda, give us the facts. This so called "trade agreement" has a minority of content in relation to trade. It undermines NZs sovereignty and gives corporates too much power over NZ people and NZ government. The TPPA also threatens to give corporates the ability to override the protection for New Zealanders afforded by the NZ Bill of Rights in terms of the right to protest. At least the government must hold a binding referendum on whether NZ should be a party to the TPPA or not. Expect civil disruption if you sign the TPPA without a proper mandate from the NZ public!
Mark Jones	I oppose the TPPA because: 1. We could be sued by foreign multinational corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. 2. Maori haven't been properly consulted and the Treaty of Waitangi exception is no guarantee of protection. 3. Life saving medicines will become prohibitively expensive. 4. The TPPA threatens our ability to implement real climate solutions. 5. We will be beholden to the USA with next to no public oversight or say. This is undemocratic. Sincerely Mark Jones
Tom	It appears a lot about the TPPA is not understood by politicians and the public alike. Lets not rush into this agreement before the people have had their say. If the government pushes ahead with the TPPA against the wishes of the majority of the NZ public then our democracy is not working.
Josie Butler	I am concerned that only 5 of the 29 chapters of this trade agreement pertain to trade, the other 24 are solely about investors rights in New Zealand. It's not a trade agreement, it's a take over.
Kim Lade	We as a country have always been proud of the way us kiwis are, free to choose how we live and to grow what we want and to share what we grow let alone the big one to be proud of our clean green image and that includes honesty! With the TPPA I can see all of these fundamentals dissapearing. Stop the TPPA

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Andrew Patuwai	I'm against any corporation being able to sue our country and medicine being more expensive for my family.
Evan Bonkovich	Keys U & your secret Squirrel club can only do nothing but trouble to all Kiwis both the unbore though to our elderly. Had U be doing anything but good you would have done things differently. No this can only be bad time coming, Y else U do all behide closed doors..
Mr Williams	I do not support the ratification of the TPPA and I call upon you - the government of New Zealand, to meet your obligations to act in the best interests of the population who elected you and abandon plans to ratify this destructive agreement. My primary reasons for objecting to the TPPA are as follows: The assertion is that the TPPA will deliver growth and jobs and increase the GDP (even infinitesimally) and will not "undermine regulation and existing levels of protection in areas like health, safety and the environment" is quite obviously, untrue. An example, Barack Obama promised that the similarly constructed US-Korea Free Trade Agreement would increase US exports by \$10billion. In reality they immediately fell by \$3.5 billion. 70,000 jobs were promised, yet 40,000 were lost. To quote commentator Glyn Moody "The benefits are slight and illusory, while the risks are very real." Instead it is clear that what this agreement WILL do is what it has been really designed to do - Override our laws, strip away our rights and make our democratic representatives - parliament powerless and redundant in the face of multinational corporations. The problem is, our democratic rights are not yours to sell out and I assert that you are in abuse of office if you attempt to do so. Simply put, as democratically elected representatives of the people of New Zealand you cannot and must not ignore the people where it is established that they, in significant numbers, oppose this deal. The TPPA contains a section allowing for Investor State Dispute Settlements – a Toxic agreement that allows massive international corporations to sue our governments (and therefore us) for enacting moral and ethical legislation for the benefit of New Zealanders if it adversely affects the corporation's profits. I wholeheartedly reject that this is in the interests of New Zealand and its people. Particularly concerning is that under the TPPA it is not only possible, but highly likely that essential legislation to protect our environment will be blocked by corporations. Examples of this occurring under ISDS clauses elsewhere in the world are: 1. Energy corporation Vattenfall seeking \$6 billion in 'lost profits' compensation from Germany following their decision to phase out Nuclear following the cataclysmic accident at Fukushima. 2. Both Uruguay and Australia being sued by Phillip Morris for increasing cigarette warnings – once again for \$billions. 3. El Salvador sued by Pacific Rim mining over a decision to refuse mining permits following an environmental disaster that devastated this densely populated country's clean water supply. Under the TPPA, Global Corporations (several of which have annual profits that dwarf New Zealand's GDP) will literally have the ability to bully New Zealand. You are asking us to place control over our future and that of our children into the hands of Global Corporations. Corporations motivated by morals, ethics, the well-being of humanity and the environment? No, the motivation of corporations is profit for their shareholders, this is a widely accepted truth and cannot be disputed. Furthermore the secrecy of negotiations around the TPPA is unacceptable and in direct conflict again with the rights of the people of New Zealand to access and understand issues affecting their daily lives. Meetings with civil society groups have been minimal in comparison to those held with corporations and their lobbyists, who have been heavily involved in the drafting of the proposed agreements . Unlike the civil society meetings, these have taken place behind closed doors and have not been disclosed to the general public. We live in an age of environmental destruction, financial instability and ever increasing funnelling of resources away from the population and towards a minority group of wealthy elite. I call for more protection from predatory corporate practices not less.
Susan Fletcher	I will not lay down and be quiet while this is on the table. I am afraid for my children's future under such new negotiations and laws that in my life and there life there will be no Australia to call home and no jobs to obtain the Australian dream. How can i pass on to my kids what i we dont have anymore we are fast becoming a minority and outsourced and over looked. We need a future and the future is in our land being ours not a company's name with people working and running it that don't know or care about our beautiful land. And as for the fat pigs getting fatter go home to your own swill we will sell the products of our sunny land to you not you sell it back to us. The UN the Corporations and the Banks go all go to hell and let us live and prosper.
Stuart	

	I do not support the ratification of the TPPA and I call upon the government of New Zealand to instead act in the best interests of the population. I object as follows: This agreement will override national laws, strip away rights and make parliament redundant in the face of multinational corporations. I assert that proceeding to ratify an agreement where it can be established that it is against the wishes of the people places a government in abuse of office if they attempt to do so. The TPPA contains a section allowing for Investor State Dispute Settlements – I wholeheartedly reject that this is in the interests of New Zealand and its people. Under the TPPA it is not only possible, but highly likely that essential legislation to protect our environment will be blocked by corporations. Under the TPPA, Global Corporations will literally have the ability to bully New Zealand. You are asking us to place control over our future and that of our children into the hands of Global Corporations motivation solely by profit for their shareholders. Furthermore the secrecy of negotiations around the TPPA is unacceptable and in direct conflict again with the rights of the people of New Zealand to access and understand issues affecting their daily lives. Meetings with civil society groups have been minimal in comparison to those held with corporations and their lobbyists, who have been heavily involved in the drafting of the proposed agreements . Unlike the civil society meetings, these have taken place behind closed doors and have not been disclosed to the general public. I call for a referendum before any ratification of this agreement.
William Fletcher	You did not consult with the tangata whenua, You continually breach our treaty, You have no honor,E kore mana,
Andy Hoani	Profits must not take precedence over people. Corporations must not take precedence over the common good of ALL New Zealanders. Corporations and other countries must not have the right to make our politicians change laws to benefit them over the rights of New Zealanders. 0.9% increase of GDP over 15 years is pathetic! Regardless of the percentage when corporations and business are put before the needs and betterment of everyday New Zealanders, then we have to walk away. Politicians represent all New Zealanders, the people have spoken, we do not want the TPPA! How dare the PM arrogantly brush off good caring Kiwis as being "rent-a-crowd". He and his ministers have stepped beyond their care of duty and good governance with this (and many other greed dominant actions and vanity projects) TPPA. Very intelligent and informed professionals are all speaking out against the TPPA. One can hope that it doesn't take American Congress stonewalling this so called free trade agreement to stop it in its tracks. New Zealanders do not want the TPPA and all its connotations to our democracy, our sovereignty, our healthcare system, our relationship with our First Nations people, being spied on, and our freedoms further reduced, and our commitment to treat the planet more respectfully and cleanly. New Zealand should be the leaders and innovates for clean green renewable and sustainable living, in all its facets. We have been a dedicated and caring nation who have looked after our neighbours in a non intrusive way - this Government have eroded our quality of life for the majority of New Zealanders. It is shameful what this Government is doing to our country... When will the Government who are elected by (admittedly a small number of) the people of this country learn that their driven agenda to please business over and instead of the people of our land is destroying our quality of life? Enough is Enough.
Tracey	The whole way the government has acted in trying to make this deal has been deceitful and dishonest so I have no faith in the government or the tppa thousands of people are against it so I think the government should listen to the people it's ment to serve and pull out of the deal. I'm afraid the actions of John key and the National government will and by some measures already have ruin this grate country.
Alex McEnteer	I am against the ratification of the TPPA, There are many concerns. Uppermost is the loss of our sovereignty which will have a huge impact on the Treaty of Waitangi and the direct descendants of the land. Both Maori and Pioneers fought for the development of this beautiful tropical Aotearoa. TPPA would move the land ownership and law and policy making decisions into foreign Multi-national corporations. Not the people of the land. I find it hard to believe that anything birthed in secrecy has the heart of the nation (any Nation) and public interest as the main reason for development and control. I have concerns about the "Trans Pacific" Countries who have agreed to be part of this deal. New Zealanders are World leaders in research and medical procedures yet the agreement could lead to life-saving medicines becoming more expensive. The land of Aotearoa is very precious yet under TPPA we hear that big fossil fuel companies could sue New Zealand for making laws that protect our environment, We are already forced to choose our Flag. Is our National anthem "God defend New Zealand" next. GOD HELP US TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO THE HIGHEST AUTHORITY WHO HAS PLANS TO BRING US BLESSINGS IF WE HUMBLE OURSELVES AND PRAY.
linda may bracken	It is my right as mana whenua to be able to protect the future of my grandson. TPPA is not about the wellbeing of the people but favours the rich and heightens the greed of the wealthy 1%
Nadine Eketone	Tena Joe, I am writing to submit that this trade agreement is nothing more than corporate greed. It gives the mighty corporation's the rights of a "person" without the responsibility. Fascist state in the making as I submitted this.
Dianne Landy	

Andy Snadden	The TPPA is not a trade deal, it's a calculated corporate take over of national sovereignty. It's been kept secret because no one would ever agree to it if they knew its contents. It will drive down wages by making workers compete with workers in poorer countries. It will allow super rich corporations to sue the NZ government in closed tribunals that are completely outside the New Zealand legal system. This is a direct attack on NZ sovereignty and must be stopped. Medicine prices will go up. And the NZ government will lose its power to regulate the business environment, and protect workers, consumers, and the environment. It is the worst thing to ever happen to NZ and must be stopped, completely.
Reuben Hamill	ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Sara Gordon	It's upsetting enough that private moneyed lobbyists have undue influence over the political process. But for corporations through the TPPA to have legal strength over politicians is abhorrent. We shouldn't be teaching other countries to do what we do and supplying them with the stock to do it. We shouldn't be granting more power to pharmaceutical companies who hold us over a barrel as it is. We shouldn't let overseas companies come in and put at risk what used to be a pristine natural environment. It used to be NZ's "calling card" but we can barely call ourselves green any more. This is criminal and needs to be halted. Preferably reversed. There are many other issues, but most of them fall under Corporate power over individuals and governments. Which is absurd and obscene. It doesn't sound like Democracy in any form. Please think with your hearts and your heads and for the community you represent. Thank you.
Kay Parish	I am concerned that this agreement gives too much power to corporations, at the expense of ordinary citizens.
Dan Rudd	Human Rights advocates, environmentalists, law professionals, Maori leaders, medical professionals - even trade experts - have come out strongly in opposition to the agreement, as have thousands of ordinary citizens in Aotearoa and all other countries that are party to this agreement, and all have been ignored by politicians and corporate executives and lobbyists who are showing no regard for the principles of democracy. This trade agreement has been negotiated in secret and the final released text is too large for a decision to ratify to be made quickly - legal experts and other concerned parties need to be given time to fully evaluate the text and the possible consequences to Aotearoa of signing. From what we have seen so far, the TPPA has little to do with actual trade, being more about circumventing the democratic process in sovereign states to bring those states' laws in line with those of the US - from my perspective it looks very much like an act of US imperialism designed to economically exclude China - Aotearoa's biggest trading trading partner - with minimal economic gains and significant losses to our sovereignty and national well-being. It is a regressive move that seeks to permanently enshrine 20th Century ideas about commerce in law in a rapidly changing world where such could be disastrous for our economy. It would seem to be a bad deal that hasn't been subject to the scrutiny that is needed, and the way the governments and corporations that have negotiated it have conducted themselves - the secrecy and spin - give myself and thousands of other citizens grave concerns about the preservation of our rights and the future of our countries.
s johnston	Do not complete the process of NZ being part of the TPP. We have too much to loose. Countries are already being sued by corporations, Australia over tobacco, US over XL pipeline, Germany over nuclear why would NZ sign up for the same issues? We must take care of what matters to NZ, the people, not big business. The weak conservation provisions of the TPP environment chapter do not change the fact that, under the TPP, governments would lose autonomy to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would gain new powers to challenge climate and environmental policies. There are so many potential issues with being part of this agreement, it is time to JUST SAY NO!
Peter coman	I do not want this deal to go ahead because it is not in newzealanders advantage (1) the impact it will have on Nz with the copyright extensions (2) the corporate power is totally unexceptible with its power over our political process this must not happen .(3) i do not want this because of of the effect it can have on our interest and our privacy this is totally unacceptable.
Kylie Akehurst	I don't want such limited choices for my son as he grows up. No one has asked if I want this you have all just assumed you get it through. How dare you sell our rights away and not care what we think!!
Michael Chambers	As far as I'm concerned the TPPA is the old Multi-Lateral Agreement under another name, which means if the TPPA is ratified will bind this and all other governments to an agreement from which NZ will not be able to extricate herself, period. This agreement is biased towards the USA otherwise why would the USA sign up to this agreement. I'm concerned that our sovereignty will be compromised in favour to national and international corporations who are only accountable to their shareholders not citizens.
Mary Lynch	There are more New Zealanders who do not support TPPA than those that do. The TPPA is a risk to our nation. We need to be in charge of our own affairs and the TPPA does not allow this.

Louise	Key , Grosser, Joyce. You know that this agreement is wrong and bad for the people of NZ. Corporations having more power than our government? How can that sit well with you? Is it because you 3 have financial interests in the corporations involved?.
Brendon gibbs	I would like to make this submission again TPPA because as a father and grandfather I would like to see the control nz kept in New Zealanders hands in the future and I believe that the TPPA is a very big step toward giving control of our country away to the global market place
John Draper	In my opinion, passing the TPPA would be an act of treason. As in Hong Kong, Governments would have their hands tied as to what they could promise or do. The difference is that Hong Kong is oppressed by China; we would be oppressed by corporations. The effect is exactly the same. Sovereign Governments should be entitled to sue corporations, not the other way around.
Whiti Awarau	The TPP is a breach of He Whakaputanga me te Tiriti o Waitangi,...1835-1840, this agreement is illegal and ignores the Sovereign status of the tangatawhenua (Indigenous peoples of the land) John Key's government exposes our country to corporate control, where basic human rights will be at risk from multi-nationals, this threat to our sovereignty must cease immediately!
Robyn Hewitt	I am extremely concerned that TPPA will give too much power and influence to big corporation at the expense of small NZ owned businesses. There are already too many large corporation welding too much power over governments in this country and around the world. I do not want TPPA!!!!
Petrus Kil	I served 10 years in the NZ Army believing I was there ready to defend our traditional freedoms, our democratic way of life, and our collective care for the individual. Many of my friends served 20, 30, some more than 40 years with the same belief. The TPPA gives all these intangible cultural treasures away as though they matter not. I am a peace lover but if the TPPA process continues on its present bulldozer track there will be violent protest and maybe revolution. Let us not become part of global government by corporate boardroom decisions.
s waterworth	I believe the TPPA does not deliver enough benefit to the New Zealand economy for the potential harm to our sovereignty.
Russell Holmes	My main concern about this trade agreement - for citizens of all countries signing up to it - is how much power huge corporations will have over our vital freedoms: sovereignty and democratic processes, the environment, freedom of speech and intellectual property, and for us in NZ in particular our access to affordable pharmaceuticals. This agreement is not in the best interests of ordinary people
Karen Tapper	Keep New Zealand in control of New Zealand!!!
Marlene	This is so wrong on so many levels and to accept that our PM is pushing this agenda without New Zealanders understanding the full impact is disturbing. Stop lying to the people of nz that this is about trade. This is about our RIGHTS.
Dawn wilkinson	The tppa is not about the rights of the average person only those of corporate giants. It's about being under the thumb of other nations, in order to please them in the hope of getting scraps. People are not stupid and we can see what's happening (as the politicians line their pockets and set themselves up for future deals that will probably only benefit themselves). New Zealand should not sign it. History will condemn those sycophants and self-interested parties who do.
Ruby James	I am not in support of TPPA and I certainly do not support how little the Government has been forthcoming to actually discuss the deal with the public of NZ. It does not have my vote.
Derek Brown	No secrets in a democracy.
Grant Anderson	Tppa threatens our sovereignty and compromises the future of young New Zealanders. We need to have clear democratic processes determining the course of our country free from the threat of corporate legal action. Pharmac needs to be able to continue functioning in its current mode in attempts to achieve the best treatments most economically for the widest range of Kiwis. The TPPA threatens this.
Julianne Leggott	If it's so good for New Zealand, why was it negotiated in secrecy?
Tony Muir	Giving power to big multi national companies to be able sue our democratically elected government is ludicrous. Some of these large multi national companies would make more money than our whole G D P. This totally undermines our democratic process and I am totally opposed to this TPPA treaty for this reason. Once you have lost your democratic right the way back is a long hard ugly fight.

Rachel	I want to be part of a country that looks after its people, all its people. We need to take steps forward in looking after the environment for future generations to enjoy. Everybody deserves to enjoy life and not have to spend their days worrying that they don't have enough food or medicine for their family. Please don't go ahead with a deal that is going to end up hurting a lot of people in this beautiful country.
Christina	The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to keep profits in New Zealand. The investment chapter highlights the intent to increase the power of global corporations by creating a supra-national court, or tribunal, where foreign firms can "sue" states and obtain taxpayer compensation for "expected future profits". For example, right now TransCanada are suing the Obama administration using a similar process through the trade agreement NAFTA. The lawsuit is for \$15 billion to compensate for the US government's decision to halt the Keystone XL pipeline due to concerns about the impact it would have on climate change. The process can be used for a dispute on an investment contract involving natural resources, various public services and infrastructure, and for a dispute over an authorisation to invest. The UN special rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples singled out investment chapters of agreements like the TPPA and investor-state dispute settlement as "a risk to indigenous rights and a constraint on their ability to gain remedies". The Treaty exception is limited in scope and relies on the goodwill of the government to protect Māori rights, which repeated Waitangi Tribunal reports show it has failed to do. The economic gains for Māori are based on MFAT projections that real GDP will increase by 0.9% by 2030 under TPPA. But real GDP is projected to increase by 47% by 2030 on its own anyway. The trade-offs in TPPA render this small gain useless. Alternative modelling actually show a loss in 5,000 NZ-based jobs and an increase in income inequality which will impact Māori heavily.
david ramsay	Any treaty that has contents such as there cannot possibly benefit the nation, free trade is free trade, this is not free trade, as a New Zealand citizen I cannot condone this action, I am not against trading with other nations, but I also believe it must be engineered in a way that does not undermine the interests of the New Zealand people.
donna cunningham	I want my grandchildren to have a fair outcome in the future, Not fighting over fair wages or employment. Be able to swim in clean waters. Not have corporate halfwits in political power.
Emma McInnes	I am anti the TPPA. TPPA will allow outsiders with corporate interests to control the products that make people ill in the first place- such as tobacco control, managing junk food advertising to children and more fossil fuels, which will be turned into carbon emissions and effect climate change. It takes the power away from Kiwis, and gives it to other countries.
Mark Walklin	Breathless child I may be, but I can recognise a con when I see one. This obscenity of an agreement serves the sole purpose of enriching transnational corporations. Democracy has been thrown under the bus in the name of expediency and avarice and I for one, will not sit still for the shafting. Kia kaha.
Andrew Bryan	My greatest concern over the TPPA deal is that it is less to do with trade and more to do with setting up large corporations to control and influence how a country is run. Thus enabling increased profits to their benefit at huge costs to citizens of the country and the environment. Then TPPA takes away our control of how we run our country. There are marginal gains to the country for this loss of sovereignty. Trade deals are good, just not this one. I have been following this for about four years. I have read the pros and cons from both sides of the for and against. From my own research and education and sharing in the wealth of intellectuals from business communities to education organisations such as universities I oppose the TPPA in its current form. As a voter of this country I implore you to reconsider ratifying and securing this deal.
Karen Robson	The TPPA threatens the capacity of successive Parliaments of NZ to act in the best interests of New Zealand, its citizens. its environment, the Treaty of Waitangi, its laws, and the very basis that once made NZ a world leader in social thinking and care, The ISDS provisions expose NZ to potential financial ruin, disregarding the laws of this land and the wishes of the people to satisfy the greed of corporates. It is a one way street that offers almost no financial rewards, but enslaves NZ and New Zealanders to the US corporates, and puts our health, wealth and well being out of control of the people. This is not the democracy that New Zealanders deserve nor demand. Future generations will see the architects of the TPPA as being guilty of treason, confined to history as contemptible grubby puppets of those that would bring poverty and hardship to their fellow countrymen and woman.
Eunice Stott	Save us the propaganda we demand the facts. Stop corporate greed. Put people first!

Ingrid Jones	We should be supporting fair trade, not free trade. The trade benefits we will get from signing this agreement seem negligible compared to the things we lose, such as the risks posed to us by the ISDS clause. This does not appear to be an agreement which in any way advantages anyone except corporations and people already in an advantaged position, but from what I hear will pose a real risk of further disadvantaging the already disadvantaged, such as by increasing the cost of medicines. I'm not opposed to trade and trade deals but they should be in the interests of furthering a better world through fair trade, where we focus on supporting the most disadvantaged people to better their circumstances. Our trade deals also need to encourage proactive action on dealing with climate change and I don't see anything in the TPPA which will do that, instead what I hear is that the ISDS clause can actually inhibit action on climate change. Please don't sign this agreement on my behalf as a citizen of New Zealand, I don't support it. Kind regards, Ingrid
Debbie	Corporations have too much power and have proved time and again that they do not have any interest or social responsibility for and to the people. It is time to end our 'close relationship' with the U.S and their disastrous imperialistic policy. We should be focusing on our independence and innovative industry. Our greatest achievements have been when we have stood up for our sovereignty (Springbok and Anti-nuclear). These issues have been what we as New Zealanders have been most proud of. We only need to look at South America and how U.S companies have operated there. We do not want to be treated in the same hideous way.
Bevis Stevens	stop selling us! Say no to ttpa for the people of NZ!
Ethel muir	The threat to climate change. We have a country where we can breathe fresh air and we want to keep it that way for our future generations. Why should they suffer for your greediness of money. Money can't buy life. Your government is not thinking about the future it's just thinking about the money it can make now. Corporate power influencing governments. Corporates are greedy and only look at gaining money not about how it effects the people trying to earn.
Rebekah	Say no to tppa. I want my grandchildren to live the life I have lived. To have access to medicines. To breathe fresh air. To have a say.
Tony Hemopo	I disagree with the hand over of our sovereignty to corporate powers who can then dictate how we run our country to ensure we are making them as much profit as possible
Leiyra Bell	No No No to the TPPA
Chris Scherrer	Free trade is good but without the corporate involvement. It can not be that a company can sue a government that has decided in a democratic way to pass a law that is counterproductive to the company interests.
warrick mason	As a NZ citizen living overseas, I treasure the country I come from. A trade agreement with the potential to affect so many people's lives should never have been negotiated in secret. Increased corporate control of our country is never going to have a positive outcome. Please, please do not sign this treaty into law.
Ellen Dunckley	The TPPA is no more a trade deal than I am! It is yet another grab at democracy from the sorts of powerful companies that have had South America in their thrall for decades. It is a dressed up form of colonialism. And those "leaders" who sign are nothing more than quislings. They do not represent this country. This treaty must be ripped up!
Melanie Scott	I do not believe this is a trade agreement. It is an agreement to allow multinational corporations to avoid the laws of sovereign countries and it will severely threaten the best interests of smaller countries and their citizens.
Gwen Cowan	New Zealander's should be governed by New Zealanders, not by foreigners, or New Zealanders who under other country's money eg., John Key, USA.
Angela Cintra	I don't need or want giant American corporations telling us what we can or can't. New Zealand shouldn't be subjected to American interest.
Gabriel	The TPPA is extremely dangerous and without proper ratification and discussion with the NZ public we are having our sovereignty stripped
Prof Ruth Irwin	The TPPA is completely unnecessary to NZ's wellbeing. In fact, it will seriously compromise the wellbeing of the environment and the people living here, and in other countries. Given that there are improvements on trade agreements and a huge weakening of sovereignty, I strongly disagree with joining the TPPA. Since the government signed it without the people's consent, laws introduced to align with it must go through due process and not be fast tracked.

Cassandra	New Zealand will not benefit from this agreement. Free trade is not the same as fair trade. Free trade agreement with China sent our dairy products prices sky rocketing. What would this do to families?
Summer woodland	I am very concerned like many others that this is not a trade agreement but a corporation agreement I believe this is very bad for our future. Have done my own research and the all the loops wholes and the fact that corporations will be able to sue us for loss of profits make me really upset. We have the right not to want gm food. We have the right to health care at an affordable price. There are so many struggling in nz and this agreement will have a disastrous effect on the most vulnerable. There are so many reasons not to ratify this agreement. I don't want to be like American. I love New Zealand. We have already lost our clean green campaign with opening up our waters for deep sea oil. We need to protect our people and our environment. Please protect us and not sell us out. We have a treaty that need to be honored and this agreement our pm pushed through. And I am not rent a crowd. I am a very concerned citizen.
Andrew Robinson	In his book "The Wealth of Nations" Adam Smith wrote: "The proposal of any new law or regulation of commerce which comes from [capitalists] ought always to be listened to with great precaution, and ought never to be adopted, till after having been long and carefully examined, not only with the most scrupulous, but with the most suspicious attention. It comes from an order of men, whose interest is never exactly the same as that of the public, who have generally an interest to deceive and even to oppress the public, and who accordingly have, upon many occasions, both deceived and oppressed it." The TPPA was written in secret over years with large numbers of corporations having input into its wording and those of us most affected by it having only a couple of months to respond. It's Adam Smith's fears, outlined in his quote above, writ large. The text of the Treaty that suits corporations is densely described and meticulously defined, while the publicly much lauded protections are loosely written. If it comes into force, there is plenty of wriggle room for threats of expensive ISDR actions that will restrict future governments as they seek to do the best for our New Zealand population. And worse, the wording of the TPPA is still being changed on the sly after signing to make it even more onerous ... Please don't enact this flawed treaty into law. The proposed benefits only accrue to those who had the most say in its wording and history has already taught us that 'trickle down' economics doesn't work.
Philip JOhn Bailey	New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms.
Geoffrey Robinson	I adamantly oppose ratification by New Zealand of the Trans Pacific Partnership. The proposed agreement fundamentally limits the democratic process of our country and the ability of the people of NZ to determine their own economic, social and environmental policies. The proposed agreement subordinates the rights of New Zealanders to those of foreign corporations and individuals. The dispute process is wholly undemocratic. The advantages that could accrue to NZ exporters are far outweighed by the limitations on our ability to govern in the interest of all New Zealanders. The TPPA is a sellout of our country to transnational corporate power. Shame on this government.
Hannah Phillips	I'm worried about all of the above and many many more reasons. There's not a single thing I've heard offered with the tppa that makes me feel okay. It's just not on. -Corporate power and influence over the political process -The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi - The loss of our sovereignty -The threat to climate action and our environment -The cost to consumers for copyright extensions -Internet protections and privacy
Maria Klee	I am a health professional with 30 years working on the frontline, and have witnessed the deterioration of services due to cuts and the push into private corporation take overs. The impacts are horrendous. I am also a mother and grandmother and watch with horror how big corporations already have damaged the environment, particular fresh water and any more possibilities for big corporations to push their toxic products even more into NZ needs to be prevented at all costs. (eg Monsanto). Furthermore I most strongly object to the secrecy in which the deal was and is negotiated. The Govts assurances to "believe" them is defying democratic principles for citizens to make their own informed decisions. Beliefs belong to religions, not to rational debate based on full disclosure about content. From the documents released I have no faith that corporate power and influence over political process is not a real possibility and leads to loss of NZ sovereignty. I salute Tangata Whenua for being on the forefront of awareness. Who better to guide us and guard the treaty than indigenous Maori, who painfully have experienced what loss of sovereignty really means.
Kathryn	I don't believe the TPPA is in the best interests of the everyday New Zealander. The gap between the rich and the poor in the long run only creates more suffering. The documentary "The gap" outlines this very well. Nothing about the deal seems to be for the people or about closing this gap.

Hiki Brooker	The loss of our sovereignty, Aotearoa is NOT FOR SALE
Lynne Brunton	I do not want the TPPA in my name. All the spin this NZ government has put out does not cover up the facts that the TPPA will: 1. Take away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest Put corporate interests ahead of urgent priorities like climate change, affordable medicines, internet freedom, quality jobs, social justice. 2. Allow foreign companies to sue us for taking measures to protect the environment or public health in ways that damage their profits. 3. Give foreign investors special rights not available to New Zealanders and a guarantee that government won't restrict foreign purchases of residential homes and land or control of key sectors. 4. Bind New Zealand governments to a pro-corporate agenda for the indefinite future, in violation of our democracy, sovereignty and the Treaty of Waitangi. Stop calling all people against this deal uninformed agitators who are against everything. That is not true and never has been. I'm a fully informed (no thanks to John Key's government), independent person who works full-time at a leading NZ company. I am for trade that is fair, sustainable and that keeps NZ independent. The TPPA is NOT that deal. Lynne Brunton
Mike Johnson	I plead with you not to ratify the TPP agreement because you haven't had the COURAGE to keep us (the people of New Zealand, the people whom you take an oath to serve) informed openly and honestly and without any of the psychologically based spin, not only of this process, but also of the effects pertaining to us all, that this agreement will have should it be ratified. What are you hiding? I am reminded of a quote from the USA president Abraham Lincoln: "You can fool some of the people all of the time, All of the people some of the time, But not all of the people all of the time". New Zealanders are not mushrooms, please don't keep us in the dark and feed us on lies. Thank you, Mike Johnson 6388 South Road, RD 35 Opunake 4685 wonmildmike@gmail.com 027 450 5672
Sylvia Pfennighaus	TPPA turns the humankind in slaves of the big corporations e.g. we will not have the free choice about our food sources anymore. This contract is the biggest crime against humanity ever. Act wise and do not betray the humanity for some money or personal benefit. Thanks
Julie Gillies	I object to this devious ploy of the National Government to sell our Rights, our Freedom, our Sovereignty, our People, our Environment, our Country to the GREEDY Multicorporates that this Government work for. Shame on you.
Peta Owen	I am appalled that the Government has gone about this in such an underhanded, sneaky manner, holding secret tribunals and negotiations. The government's behaviour is despicable. The consequences to our environment and sovereignty could be huge - and we, as the people who live in this beautiful country, have been shut out of the decision making process. I consider this to be criminal.
Samara Strachan	This agreement is a complete sell out of nz. We lose everything even our rights to make decisions about medicines, laws, trading and who we are as a nation. This isn't the kind of democracy we know NZ for. This agreement makes me terrified for my children and what atrocities they would be subjected to, and my grandchildren and their children. NZ could be a self sufficient paradise. We don't need these alliances. We need protection from these corporate monsters. And we need to preserve and revere our beautiful country and its people. We need to act with integrity and pride. We need to say NO to this TPPA; it's a fatal trap.
Naezea Ryan	The whole tppa is crap and so is our pm!
David Sheppard	I strongly urge all MPs to reject the TPPA as the loss of sovereignty New Zealand will suffer under it is undeniable. Any trade advantages are minuscule, when compared to the corporate control we would suffer under.
Stan Jones	This agreement has been shown to be faulty and to potentially undermine the rights of citizens in our democracy. It is unacceptable that foreign parties should be exempted from the law governing everyone in New Zealand just because they don't think they are making enough money out of this country. In the final analysis, potential gains are highly contingent and do not, in any way, justify the clear and existing disadvantages to the people of this nation. I call on our representatives in parliament not to ratify it.
Pete Kaye	Vested Interests versus Blind Faith. This sums up my feelings on the TPPA. Those championing the benefits of this particular 'free trade' deal are advocating it on behalf of vested interests and their argument in favour of signing on to it are done so on behalf of vested interests. We the people are told by those same cheerleaders for this deal that we simply have to have blind faith in their abilities to negotiate on our behalf that this will benefit us all. I was at the NZ premiere screening of the documentary of 'The Corporation' and I know that history is littered with a litany of dodgy corporate activities that have repeatedly threatened our very existence on this planet and I have no reason to believe that not only will this dodgy corporate behaviour continue but get worse and so I am very opposed to this 'free trade' deal going through.

	I am strongly against the TPPA. I don't believe it is an agreement that is in the best interest of New Zealanders. As a Health Professional I have major concerns about the impact this will have on Pharmac as it will make medicines more expensive. The cost of prescriptions may remain the same for awhile but I am sure they will increase. Many people already can't afford the cost of doctors appointments and medicines. A man last week had to save up for 2 weeks to afford a \$5 fee for antibiotics. In the mean time his infection could escalate causing sepsis. A sepsis infection usually results in an admission to the intensive care unit. At what cost??? People are already struggling to make ends meet. And we want to make it harder for them by signing this agreement? It makes no sense. The more the government have to spend on medicines the less can be spent elsewhere as we have limited health dollars to provide all the services we need. Healthcare will become increasingly privatised like the American system. Who wants to miss out on treatment if we get sick? Me? You and your families? TPPA will place restrictions on public health. As you will be aware companies can sue governments for perceived loss of profit. For example tobacco companies. We have all seen this with the plain packaging. That is just one example. Fossil fuel companies who destroy the environment and cause significant health issues and are major contributors to climate change are also suing governments under similar trade agreements. The TPPA restricts our right to protest against these companies. It makes it very difficult to deal with climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This is a major concern for me. Alarmingly under this agreement any disputes are resolved by ISDS. This secret corporate tribunal would be in fact above the laws of this country. This is very wrong. Many countries are being sued around the world already under other similar trade agreements. Obama is currently in this position with the keystone pipeline where his blocking of that has been deemed unconstitutional by the companies who have no concern for the environment and global warming as long as they are making money. Is this what we want for our country? We have stood up time and time again for what is right!!! There is real risk in NZ under this agreement of corporate power having significant influence over our political processes. We don't need anymore corruption. We don't want to be a mini America. The TPPA doesn't respect our sovereignty and honour our obligations under the treaty of waitangi which is a founding document of this country. There are threats to our internet protections privacy. Increased costs to consumers for copyright extensions. I believe that the costs to the people and the environment are too great with the potential for financial gain too low to go ahead. It will be very difficult to get out of this agreement when we realise we have made a mistake. I am completely against this agreement.
Karen Nistor	Hard to choose just 3. There are so many reasons not to pass the TPPA. Least of which are the impact on Education, Health Care, the nation's sovereignty and more..... The fact that this agreement without due process, behind closed doors and without any consultation with Maori has undermined the Democratic process and put the Treaty of Waitangi at risk. Another of the biggest impacts could also be on the impact to fair education for all New Zealanders. Privatisation of our World-class education system could cause lasting and irreversible damage due to the TPPA.
Kathy Young	I am deeply concerned at the lack of consultation with the people of NZ. I am opposed to this agreement passing into law; my concerns are based upon the power this will allow corporates over our political processes - both now and future governments, the threat to our sovereignty and the impact it will have on upholding Tiriti O Waitangi.
Pamela Curreen	NO GOVERNMENT HAS THE LAWFUL RIGHT TO GO AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE ! ANY POLITICIAN KNOWN TO SING FOR THE TPP, OR ANY OTHER SUCH DEALS, TO BE ESTABLISHED AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE....IS COMMITTING THE CRIMINAL OFFENSE KNOWN AS TREASON, AND WILL BE PUNISHED AS STATED UNDER THE LAW OF THE LANDMASS ON WHICH THEY LIVE ! ALL POLITICIANS....WILL....UPHOLD THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE....OR.....JUSTICE WILL BE SERVED UPON YOU....BY THE PEOPLE.....AS STATED BY LAW !!!!!!
Tammy Jensen	I feel we are being bullied into accepting the Governments decisions. We have to be told more about the TPPA to be able to understand it. The people the Government serves, are the ones that keep New Zealand 'bountiful' so surely we deserve respect?
Helena Thomas	Dear TPPA Ratifiers I'm writing in opposition to NZ signing the TPPA agreement. For all reasons highlighted by Jane Kelsy, Rod Oram, and the many other intelligent people speaking on behalf of New Zealanders, I 100% disagree with the process of the TPPA, and the costs to our nation that ratifying this deal will make. I am most concerned about the potential for corporate influence to challenge our national laws and sovereignty, and the impact it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi. These are things that make NZ special, one of a kind. the 0.9% GDP growth, 2.7billion dollars compared to having the TPPA, and not having the TPPA is not worth the cost to us as a nation, as a people dedicated to democracy, listening to others, and supporting the foundations New Zealand is built on. Please do not go ahead with this deal, free trade is good, but this is not just a free trade deal. There's too many extra things that are protectionist mechanisms for corporations, and that is not in the essence of true free trade. Don't sign. Listen to New Zealanders. Lynda McDonald. MBA. P.G Dip. B.Sc China Milk Quality Manager, DeLaval Ltd.
Lynda McDonald	

Sally Warren	I am concerned about TPPA as a whole as it seems that many parts of it will alter much that we regard as important to us. There are many parts of it that I fear. Corporate power and influence over the political process, The impact on our public health and medicines, which even if the government covers the difference we still pay indirectly. The cost to consumers for copyright extensions. Having recently published a book which was using information over 50 years old from newspapers and heard the problems people have who want to reproduce copy. To extend the copyright time will make this impossible. Plays that local groups wish to perform will also be greatly limited. These are part of TPPA that may possibly be altered but there are many other parts that strike fear as we seem to be going to lose so much control over our own destiny.
Dean Milroy	We should at least get to vote on it. The total lack of democracy here is disgusting considering the amount of opposition there is to it.
Steven Illenberger	This is the loss of our Sovereignty to the corporates. The amount of benefit to the economy is marginal and when compared to not signing then we remain free to make our own choices as a country. A treaty of such significance should be put to a public vote. The government never had a mandate for this.
Jane Gilmer	TTPA does not seem to have been a democratic undertaking - the NZ public have not been fully informed to the consequences of signing. There is enough opposition from New Zealander's to alert our government that we are concerned about its impact on our lives. Why is this not being taken seriously with more open debate? Furthermore, global corporate power influence over national democratic and human rights is deeply concerning.
Paul Maunder	Kia ora It is obvious that, even as a free trade deal, there are limited gains in signing the TPPA and considerable losses. But above all, I am concerned at the loss of sovereignty and the handing over of considerable power to the corporate sector, via the tribunals, personed by corporate lawyers and their ilk, unaccountable to anyone. These corporation wish to won everything, and this is a large step in that direction. Paul Maunder
Gene Ward	You, our government leaders have decided to take risks with our nation by signing an agreement with other nations that will have a greater negative effect on the future of this country than a benefit. There are more NZers against this than for it and we are, or supposed to be, a democracy. You are deliberately signing away our country to foreign interests and should no longer be allowed to govern this nation
charmaine stephens	I am keen on preserving democracy and therefore the New Zealand way of life.
Chelsea Prastiti	Dear NZ Politicians: Please take a leaf out of Jose Mujica's book and DO YOUR JOBS PROPERLY. Take care of your people Stop separating yourselves from us via bigger salaries and accumulation of wealth. Stop disrespecting our native people (btw, I'm not Maori by any extraction, but I know what's right and what good manners are). And above all else, please, DO NOT BETRAY US by involving NZ in the Trans-Pacific Partnership. I know there are really good people up there in the Beehive. To them I say: stay strong, and thank you a million times for all your hard work and resilience! To the Politicians who believe that the voices of NZ citizens are not worth listening to: Remember that we pay your salary. Remember that it is your job to serve us. Remember to do what's right. And if you're not sure what that 'right' is, then listen to us: Protect our environment, planet earth. You KNOW the TPPA will directly cause further harm to the planet, and we are ON THIS PLANET. DO YOUR JOB. Do NOT sign the TPPA. Thank you, much love! Chelsea Prastiti
Heidi Morrighan	Our grand parents fought in a war to protect NZ for future generations, DONT let ours betray their sacrifice and our own children

	I strongly oppose the TPPA because all the actual information which is available to the public doesn't sound like a deal favorable to everyone. You may argue that information available might not be from "trusted" sources as they are mainly from leaked documents but this is another point why I don't feel this agreement holds too much benefit for the "normal" people as it is all about secrecy. Politicians may say that treaties like this one have been negotiated in private as well but with the internet and the instant availability of information to a very broad audience this doesn't fit into this age. Maybe one reason why this agreement seems to contain passages to restrict exactly the media responsible for this new awareness within the public - the internet. If it is all just beneficial to us why not release the full text to anyone or at least to lawyers or other professionals who should be able to translate those texts into speak everyone understands. Simply trusting what politicians say, that I haven't elected by the way, who might or might not directly benefit from this is not good enough! So all I currently know is that this deal will favor companies over local, economical or individual interests, secrecy and undermining of democratic processes will be lawful, just like for the introduction of the whole agreement and that the protection and privacy of each and everyone is seriously in danger. I am also very worried what effect this deal will have on our public health system, which is far from optimal as it is, and the price of medicines. All in all the only conclusion I can come to is that the TPPA will cause the rights of all individuals to be less important and only favors financial interests of companies and organizations for the sake of their profit without any regards to privacy, democracy or environment. Nothing I heard from officials who are pro-TPPA could so far resolve those concerns and they haven't given me any reasons to believe it is a good thing for everyone and just asking for trust won't be enough for something that has the potential to affect the lives of each and every one!
Juergen	
John Leather	The TPP is not really going to benefit New Zealand people is it. It's all about corporate access and I feel that is pervasive and takes away our freedom and democracy. That's why I am against this agreement.
Bronwyn Clarke	Ratification of this trade deal needs to be considered with all New Zealanders (now, and in the future) best interests in mind - not the best interests of only a few. The interests of human beings must come before the interests of foreign multinational corporations. We live in a democratic nation; New Zealanders have the right to participate in the decisions that are made that will affect their lives. This participation needs to be acknowledged and listened to by the government. A trade deal cannot override our sovereignty.
Tim Stephens	I believe any agreement that diminishes New Zealand peoples ability to self govern in any way will be regretted in the long term.
Rainer Huebler	Free reign for the multinational corporates, supported by corrupt politicians and bureaucrats. I demand this insanity to be scrapped. Globalization only leads to chaos - as seen right now. The opposite is needed.
Tamara Perich	Here are the reasons I believe TPPA should not be ratified in NZ: -The loss of our sovereignty -The threat to climate action and our environment -The cost to consumers for copyright extensions -Internet protections and privacy -The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi -The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) -ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) -The impact it will have on our public health and medicines -Corporate power and influence over the political process The way the negotiations have been conducted in secret, the lack of transparency and clarity of the issues that will arise after signing the TPP do not give me and my family assurance that this is a good deal for most New Zealanders. Yours sincerely Tamara Perich
Brooke	The people know what you are up to... Looking out for corporates and money hungry individuals....
Wendy	We as a Nation need to keep our lawmaking inhouse to suit our unique culture. Giving away this power to corporations who care NOTHING about the people of our Country is ludicrous and irresponsible.
Annette van Zeist	I am a psychiatrist working in a public hospital and I worry that the TPPA might further undermine our public health system by causing a substantial increase the price of medication and medical equipment, but also by climbing numbers of foreign private health providers who will attract doctors and nurses out of the public health system. The private health providers will grow, the public health system decline and the disparity between poor and rich will increase. Another concern is the influence multinational corporations will have on New Zealand's health directed policies as the tobacco and alcohol price, plain packaging for tobacco products, all kind of policies directed toward a more healthy and less junk food oriented life style. Coca Cola and Mac Donald's will become the staple food for New Zealand's poor and we will climb further on the world ranking of obesity. We will be able to tell the poor and rich apart by their appearance: obese poor people and healthy, lean rich New Zealanders! And there will be far more brown faces among the poor than among the rich. The increasing disparity and decreasing health of the poor people will cause more problem behaviour as substance abuse, violence and criminality. The prisons, privatised and in foreign ownership will be increasingly filled with poor, desperate and unhealthy people. This is not the New Zealand I want to live in! Please stop the TPPA!

susan brown	I would add food safety and labels, especially gmo labels and gmo bans will likely be overturned. This would be my #2 choice. So much more evil in this deal and it is ONLY good for the big corporations. NO TPPA
jude turner	Concerned with the lack of information given to the public by the Government. I am very aware that this Government appears to treat any public concerns with "a throw away line and a smirk". Therefore cannot trust them with the TPPA.
April Fitzjohn	The TPPA does not have environmental considerations as a significant part of its agenda and I feel strongly about this. There was no robust consultation, in fact much of the negotiations were carried out behind closed doors; if there had been more transparency, there would have been far more public outcry. I am sick of corporations dictating what will and will not be; our government is naive, not to mention short sighted, if it thinks that being part of the TPPA will benefit New Zealand further than in the short term. Yours in frustration, April Fitzjohn
Wai allan	What is a concerning matter that I feel dearly passionate about is the loss of our mana in regards to our sovereignty as Tangata Whenua of Aotearoa. maori were blessed with this land until it was taken over and maori subjected to colonisation. our history will be lost and many more attributes that have contributed towards our identity as being Maori. Sure Ive got pakeha blood in my genes but I am more proud to represent my true identity of being Maori. I totally disagree with Maori being stripped of their rights and the control of our property, tikanga, decisions where Maori have had no input into. Negotiations and hidden agendas where Maori have not been included in such as everything that is written above. have are these submissions going to help Maori is my questions but am grateful for the opportunity to make my voice being heard.
Holly Adams	My name is Holly Adams. I am an informed New Zealand citizen, voter, and tax payer. I do not agree with the TPPA!
Frances	I oppose TPPA. It will allow business/corporate and overseas interests to take precedence over the health, well-being, human rights and democratic rights of New Zealand citizens.
Mark Saunders	Overall for the typical New Zealander the expected net gains from the TPPA in my mind are negative. I am a professional risk analyst in the banking sector and former Dux of Hutt Valley High, so I trust my analytical skill. From my estimate of the financial benefits gains from trade (according to the figures in the TPPA impact release) the average would be \$40 per year per New Zealander. Now the benefits will not be distributed evenly, so the typical New Zealander would expect much less. Weighing a small financial benefit against the risk from other changes which are part of the TPPA, the TPPA is a bad deal for the typical New Zealander. Simply the benefits do not outweigh the negatives.
Janine Reichert	Anything that allows tax payer money to pay companies (in compensation for loss of business or otherwise) that do things that are damaging to the environment, individual freedoms and health, especially when we have not been fully informed (without propaganda spins, but just honest straight forward information, i.e. being able to examine the whole TPPA document) and vote on it, is not democratic and forces us to participate in a corrupt capitalist system that, by US law, has to put corporate profit above the environment or people. We the people can vote with our consumer choices to rid the world of these companies, but this takes that power out of our hands. Until all companies operate under Fair Trade rules, not Free Trade rules, capitalism will be a corrupt and doomed to fail system due to limited resources and the environmental impact on the planet. There is an awakening happening world wide, people will rebel against this. The benefit to the people is far outweighed by the negative impact. This is something that will be brought in slowly in small steps, just like any tyrannical process, so that the people don't realise the freedoms they are losing and the impact on them, like frogs slowly boiled to death, except the numbers of us who are aware of the dangers are growing to become the majority. We will not let a corrupt few very wealthy individuals destroy us and this planet through the TPPA. Extremely large numbers of people around the world turn up to protest and those numbers are growing. If the government goes ahead with this they are no longer our government working for us, they are the corporations government working for them, so I will opt out of the system, reclaim myself as an individual who owns myself, and who is not owned by any country. I will be self sufficient and help others to do the same. I will do as others have done and legally free myself so I no longer have to pay taxes to support my slavery to the corporations.
Mario Saseve	I'm also interested on how this affects the treaty of Waitangi and the impact of losing our sovereignty. It's not right to hide the important facts on how a deal this massive will affect Everyone else, and the public who would be led by the nose, and taxed the hell out of. Instead of wasting money on the colour of a flag we don't want, use that money toward the health and rape crisis centres. Governments should have our best interest as the first priority. The government should be in fear of the people, not the people fearing the government.

Victor Lewis	I do not support the TPPA because the negatives far outweigh any benefits. This agreement leave us vulnerable to far reaching effects on the values New Zealanders hold dear such as environment and the health and well being of New Zealanders . The sovereignty of our country must be upheld to ensure democratic processes are not hindered or undermined. Any treaties must benefit ALL New Zealanders for now and the future.
Deborah Pitman	I am against it because it looks so similar to E.U. and it is not right for us. We need to be independent from the big grab of "the haves" and stop corporates from making "the have nots" paying for there dividends
Tracey Richard	I am all up for free trade but not this one because it is not free the costs are too high. We have way too much to lose. Walk away. Listen to the people of New Zealand.
Te Kahurangi Patuwai-Findlay	I believe that the ability for corporations to override domestic political policy is WRONG. Corporations SHOULD NOT have the ability to sue governments in secret peer tribunals is a violation of TPP countries Sovereignty.
Michael	The Tppa will literally destroy the country the facts are in i oppose signing it there really is little else to say
Richard Spensley	The TPPA has not been written and conceived to benefit the public or consumers, it has been written to benefit corporations under the guise of "free trade" and "tariff removals". The economic benefits to New Zealand are so minuscule, they are outweighed by the negative impact on our laws and opening us up to being sued though ISDS and control by proxy by corporations who see their profit-making as more important than the well being of citizens or the planet. We should walk away from this treaty with our heads held high and our sights set firmly on trading with our Asian neighbours, principally China.
Maxineklink	Each issue that is listed here is important to me
James T	The TPPA has nothing to do with trade, as we already trade with most if not all of the "partner countries". Our sovereignty is threatened and we will lose any self-determination that we have left if an international corporate-controlled court can rule against us, when we protect our environment, sovereignty, income levels, or anything else which threatens the profits of multinational corporations. That also includes a state of peace, since war is profitable and we may be sued for advocating peace! The TPPA is a mechanism that is being used by unscrupulous politicians to cast us into a new dark age of serfdom and rape of our country!
D Baker	I dont believe that TPPA will benefit New Zealanders, in the long term. It will only be of benefit to those who are already wealthy. The rest of New Zealand general public (middle to lower class) will suffer. Our younger generations will never ever be able to afford to buy their own home, unless they choose to never have children. The cost of medication for those who are ill, or terminally ill, will not be able to afford a cure. So you, Our Government, has allowed pharmaceutical companies to put a price on Life. You, our Government, has already negotiated behind our backs, and did not ask the New Zealand people their opinions on the TPPA prior to signing. Instead you bought in a referendum on changing the New Zealand flag, the perfect cover up to steer New Zealanders away from TPPA dealings. Many dont want TPPA, however that wont matter as you, Our Government, has already chosen TPPA over whats in the best interest of our Country. How is this a democratic society when, when the people say ' No', you, our government, does what it wants anyway.
Aeliya	Signing TTPA means selling NZ to corporates and loosing our freedom.
Erik Vermaat	TPPA limits the legislative choices that future NZ governments can make. How on Earth can we sign our sovereignty away like this?
Heather Smyth	The TPPA threatens the health of our society and planet, and gives even more power to those corporations that already have far too much influence. We should be taking action to reduce political power of corporations, decrease damaging inequality, and slow climate change, but the TPPA will make these problems even worse- with disastrous consequences for the human race.
Christoph Teschers	I am very concerned about the impact TTPA can have on the political, democratic process in NZ and the potential threat to national companies through international companies entering the local market for public projects. I am also very concerned about the threat to our government and the public taxpayer body through potential large scale litigation from rich overseas companies, such as he pharma sector. NZ is taking a huge risk by this agreement due to the vast imbalance of size, money and resources between "partners" which places us at a significant disadvantage. Please do not ratify this agreement in its current form, as once done, it will be close to impossible to change or revert it due it becomming international law. Too many concerns exist to risk our counties independence for uncertain benefits, which most likely will increase the financial devide within this country instead of tackling the real problems on inequality and poverty in Aotearoa! Best, Christoph.

Josh Ley	You can't simply pass a bill without public consent. Furthermore, this bill is a dirty and inconsiderate bill which undermines the freedoms of New Zealanders as a whole; whilst only benefitting the rich 1% and top overseas corporations and firms. From all of the information leaked (as the government won't even tell us what is in the bill) the TPPA appears to be blatantly wrong and is certainly not in the best interests of New Zealand citizens as a whole. Honestly, this is fascism at its finest as I can't even distinguish between the corporations and the government when I hear of this bill going to be passed. Simply said, TPPA, NO WAY.
Mary Byrne	Why would you bother when the best that can be said is for a small increase in GDP? It doesn't make sense and is a complete betrayal of New Zealanders.
Jamahl McQuaid	This bill is just plain screwed and public consent needs to be given before it can be passed. TPPA NO WAY.
Mike	Bio security, I support free trade, but tariffs are for protection, money is spent on the less and not for the good of the economy and environment for future generations. Take in respect of the Christchurch Earth Quakes and geological effects. One fallen down building, build an other one in its place. Interpretation of this Dumb. Was it hot enough for you this summer? How did the farmers cope, we should let the cows die of thirst, than let them drink out of the stream. Our streams are polluted by Agi Chems and high based nitrogen fertilizers. How Much methane did Dinosaurs produce? This is not about how much money you can put in your own pocket, but about freedom and individual rights to protect the place we call home Regards Mike Brook
Karen Baker	Why would this present government jeopardise our freedom and the future for our children. Does John Key not have any understanding at all about how this would impact potentially every New Zealander? Many good and honourable men and women have died in combat to keep New Zealand free and independent yet this one dumb leader is willing to let New Zealand and it's people be taken into captivity! God help us all and open the eyes of our pitiful representative.
Ann Waqar	I am not happy with the TPPA signing. I believe it will take away our democratic rights to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest and put corporate interests ahead of urgent priorities like climate change, affordable medicines, internet freedom, quality jobs, social justice. .
Alan	All this is to strengthen big business in a flagging American economy but after March 1st there may be no America left standing anyway
Nico	Way to much power to corporate, influencing corruption. It's already out there, and the people don't need more! Otherwise, what democracy!!?
Natasha Lammer	I am against New Zealand being a part of the TPPA, I am not anti trade, I believe that trade is important for our economy. What makes this deal different from other trade deals are the negative impacts it will have on our democratic right to legislate in the best interest of our health and environment. The access of New Zealand citizens to life saving medical treatments should not be up for negotiation because international drug companies want to make more profit. Corporate influence should have no place at the negotiating table when it comes to environmental protections. The people of New Zealand now and in the future deserve better than this deal. The first priority should always be what works best for our society not what works best for the economy. It is a dangerous road when any future legislation has to be second guessed because we may get sued under the ISDS clause.
Michele Surcouf	Just because this is a website submission doesn't mean that my concerns are frivolous or uninformed. The TPPA doesn't not offer significant economic benefits to New Zealand or our people and it smacks of Corporate takeover via a so called 'trade agreement'. I would venture to say many American Indians entered into treaties where they thought there would be some benefit to both parties. How wrong they were. Nothing has changed in hundreds of years. There is a real risk that we could loose our sovereignty and our ability to make subsequent decisions that are in best interest of New Zealanders should we find the TPPA burdensome - particularly if we are subject to ISDS set up to benefit off-shore corporates who have no vested interest in the wellbeing of this country (and who will probably not pay any NZ taxes). Do not sign/ratify the TPPA.
Jodi York	I am proud to be a New Zealander because New Zealand is a country of good conscience and a moral leader in the world. We've led women's suffrage, defacto and same sex partnership recognition, children's and maternal health (once upon a time), cost-effective health care and nuclear exclusion. We've been able to do this we are progressive, democratic and politically agile because of our small size. Under the TPPA, none of these leadership positions would be possible. The TPPA takes too many decisions out of reach of public discourse, and hands too much of what matters to New Zealanders to corporate interests. Please don't take this step. Let us continue to show the progressive leadership the world needs in the 21st century, rather than strapping us to these lumbering international giants. Our voice rings true, but can't be heard in the din of the TPPA.

Susan Gay	The TPP is has world wide implications to undermine individual countries democracy - the countries sovereign right to develop their own economies and protect the welfare of their own people as well as intrinsic processes to protect indigenous people's 'rights processes'. Large multi-national companies will have an over-riding control over the freedom of a country's right to support new and different economic directions dependent on their own communities needs and aspirations. I say NO to TPP on the world stage and NO to TPP in New Zealand!!!
Nancy Dobrochowski	The ISDS,, according to US Senator Warren, undermines our sovereignty. Forbes Magazine 22.5.15: " Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) is a process which proposes an arbitration mechanism free of any national legal system." Why would any of the partners agree to this. National corporations can afford to take away the sovereignty of all the countries involved.
Phoenix Llewellyn	Secret deals made without consultation with indigenous peoples is undemocratic. Without full disclosure, the nation has no other choice but to presume this deal has implications for which we are being denied access to , and be informed about. This 'agreement' is NOT signed in my name. The Government cannot guarantee my right to access medical intervention on an equal basis, and without corporate bias.
Paul Candy	This is NOT a trade agreement. When Corporations use ISDS to sue countries and gain control over our resources, laws, environment and people to satisfy their own agenda, then this is NOT democracy!!! As a NZ citizen I am NOT prepared to give up my democratic rights to some faceless corporation that is not interested in anything else but making money for its shareholders. Never in the history of NZ politics has there been a greater threat to our sovereignty, democracy, human rights, environment and freedom. The financial gains are minuscule. The TPPA could torpedo any future we have as a trusted ethical trading nation. Why would we risk being forced into trading GMO's for example. This would render our 100% Pure NZ logo redundant and we would become a supplier of low value commodities rather than value added products. Value added products that command premium prices and raise the standard of living in this country. DO NOT RATIFY THE TPPA!!! This is a BAD deal and will burden future generations with unacceptable consequences. If civil disobedience is required to STOP the TPPA in order to protect our country, our people, our democracy, our environment, and everything that is precious and special about NZ, then, YES I would be prepared to accept the consequences of my actions.
Margaret Paku	The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process I oppose the threat of your TPPA John Key, remove it immediately!
Philip Samuel Matete	Corporate greed, enough said
Gabriele Kraft	It seems increasingly government is about keeping business interests happy, rather than about what is best for the people of NZ. This TPP seems to me just another example of how people's interests are being subverted in favour of big business. Please don't ratify!!
Nick Jones	The TPPA sacrifices so much for such paltry economic gains. Read the research and the gains are really none. The agreement does so much damage to New Zealand's democracy and sovereignty. I understand the National government want to be part of the club, but making this deal is beyond comprehension.
Hannah Lee	I disagree with TPPA because It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.

	<p>My principal grounds for opposing the TPPA are as follows: 1. Loss of sovereignty - this agreement will if ratified place limits on the ability of the New Zealand government to legislate in the best interests of the people of NZ without fear of legal reprisals. Future governments may not be as willing to accommodate the wishes of international corporations as the current government is, but they will be bound by this treaty. At the very least, public money will have to be spent to defend such actions in court. This by no one's definition would be money well spent. 2. Copyright extensions - Large corporations are becoming increasingly unwilling to release from copyright intellectual property that they often did not create themselves but acquired through means both legal and illegal. It is in my view morally bankrupt to keep extending copyright over something that no one living had any hand in making, but some US firms are trying to do just that, holding onto knowledge that should be in the public domain. The TPPA will strengthen this unprincipled grasp on intellectual property. 3. Corporate power - the TPPA represents an absurdly utopian faith in the good nature of those who run the largest companies in the world. Historically, the power of corporations (which are organised hierarchically and are not democratic organisations) has been balanced by the power of the democratic governments of nation states. It has never been a perfect balancing act, but the rise of the modern democratic state has gone a long way to reducing the earlier excesses and crimes against humanity committed by (19th and early 20th century) industrial capitalism. The TPPA in my view will tip the balance irrevocably in favour of the corporations, leaving the elected governments of the countries involved weakened and increasingly powerless to prevent the usurpation of the political process by corporate oligarchies. It is a myth that advanced capitalism needs democracy - one has only to consider the example of the People's republic of China to realise this. It is also utopian nonsense to believe that modern corporations would not, if they could get away with it, regress to the outrages of the past - child labour, unsafe working conditions, starvation wages and inhumanly long working days. The Apple corporation's despicable treatment of its Chinese workers attests to this. I am hopeful that this infamous document will not be ratified by the US, but whatever the event, I wish to record my submission in opposition to it.</p>
Harold Merriman	
Matthew Walker	<p>It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year.</p>
Anati Ngaheu	<p>the impact it will have on our public health and meds the power of corporations ruling our country</p>
Jen Zajac	<p>I am concerned that the TPPA will have a chilling effect both on my industry (information technology) and on our democracy. The manner in which TPPA has been brought to fruition worries me deeply. I also dislike that it potentially put New Zealand in a position where corporate interests could affect our freedoms and our economy detrimentally.</p>
Honey Marsh	<p>I strongly oppose to the signing of the TPPA and hope this government will reconsider and heed the voice of many new Zealanders that oppose the same. We live in a democratic country therefore we can vote and choose our government and also voice our concerns when we believe our government is making decisions that are not in the best interest of the new Zealand people. Kia kaha Aotearoa.</p>
Alden Sharp	<p>Hell No TPPA</p>
Ashley smith	<p>Common theme as an uninformed resident recently residing back in New Zealand is the lack of communication between the public & politicians to decide whether we as a nation want to be part of something that seems as some would say a sinister set of handcuffs that will cripple & further devide the nation instigating poverty & angst taking our national right away to make decisions based on the wellbeing of our resources & residents...why is a whole nation being ignored?</p>
Matthew Shepherd	<p>Do not sign away our sovereign rights and individual choices. We as kiwi's have a young and burgeoning culture, but we are easily startled and influenced by outside interests. We must not let these corporate interests tempt the few able enough bodies with the guise of monetary stability, social prosperity and prowess only to be handing over our dignity and indeed humanity to become a homogeneous cash crop for the capital machine we've unleashed. All the while consolidating the power of the few at the top and reinforcing the allurement for the ones trying to sell their way to get there. We gave the power to this system (advanced capitalism) and we have should retain the right to take it away if we feel it no longer serves our common interests. There is only so many times a state can buy back its assets (peoples favor) which it sold in the name of a quick buck. In this hegemonic paradigm that has taken hold we must conserve the few vestiges of truth and sanity we have left so as not to loose ourselves in the simulation we have created or at the very least been fooled into believing. Apathy and resignation is becoming too much of the common parlance in our government and our society at large. Be it through the spectacle or other forms of ratification but as the elected officials one would like to think you are at least taking the time to see both sides of the argument rather than blindly accepting policy and the status-Que.</p>

Anthony Shane Dalton	I am totally against the TPPA for the simple reason that it undermines our sovereignty, our democratic right to object and the corporate manipulation of the global economic marketplace which will make us Slaves to Corporate institutions.
Zara Hutchins	If I could click all the options provided above then I would definitely would be clickin them all!
luke dore	i have major concerns about all the concerns on this topic in no way shape or form is this trade deal going to better the working class and the public of new zealand this trade deal is a geo political snatch and grab its will economically divide this world and not for the better i am ashamed at the national goverment !!!
Allan Sarsfield	a.sarsfield
Sam Taylor	Historically free trade agreements, especially free trade agreements originating from the Extreme neoliberal movement in the US have been made as protectionist mechanisms for the uber rich. Take NAFTA for example a free trade agreement pushed by the first Clinton administration between Canada, the US and Mexico. With the pretext of enabling free trade under "Neoliberal" doctrine to let "the market regulate itself unhindered" Mexican Tomato growers were straddled with low quota limits to protect Florida growers. This is not free market capitalism, it is the exact opposite. Similar agreements and consequences can be found where ever the US has developed free trade agreements with other countries, usually resulting in the upper classes in all countries placing a choke hold on the lower classes. They do not play fair. Haiti used to be self-sufficient in it's rice production, thanks to heavy handed US investment and a willing Haitian upper class, most lower class Haitians now cannot afford the very Rice they grow. This is due to a heavy exports and environmental degradation reducing available fertile land.
Michael Gray	Climate change is important to me and I believe it should be important for the country as well. But the TPP gives power to corporations that will strip away our power to act. "The TPP poses a panoply of threats to our climate and environment. The weak conservation provisions of the TPP environment chapter do not change the fact that, under the TPP, governments would lose autonomy to enact policies to address the climate crisis, while corporations would gain new powers to challenge climate and environmental policies." - Sierra Club Report: How the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement threatens our climate
Robert Howie	Scrap the whole of the tppa in its present form!
Victor Stent	Worried about our ability to legislate freely on laws which impact local issues without international corporations/countries interfering with our rights.
Sonya Mercer	TPPA takes away our rights as New Zealanders to make our own decisions. Leaves us open to USA's stuffed up ideas and corporate policies and so much more. We loose our kiwi identity and individualism
Halliday	Nobody mentions that we could be forced to plant GMO's, Import more GMO's for animal; and human consultation. Restrict our Natural Health products even more than the new possible law..
Megan Tait	I do not believe the TPPA should be ratified in New Zealand. I am particularly concerned about the threat to our environment and the threat to climate action. I am very concerned about the lack of consultation with New Zealand people and particularly with the lack of consultation with Maori. I believe the TPPA will have a negative impact on the Treaty of Waitangi. I am deeply concerned regarding the potential impact on our public health and the availability of life saving medicines. I believe it will be people from the middle and lower socioeconomic demographic that will suffer I believe the government have been extremely arrogant and dismissive in their public response to these concerns.
Sarah O'Donnell	The secrecy which this agreement is shrouded in does not allow for democracy. I am concerned that the medication with which I regularly rely on will become so expensive that I will no longer have access to that support.

Priscilla Kepa	I fear my childrens future if this Tpp agreement goes through. The Tpp agreement is more about the way or choices in life we make rather than trade which makes this agreement even a more poorer choice to sign than if we didnt sign. Maoris have not yet been properly approached as to why we should back our Govt in the decision to sign the Tppa, and have shown us no evidence as to whether the Treaty of Waitangi constitution we live by here in NZ is properly protected. Medicines will begin to be unaffordable for the vulnerable. Lands that belong to maoris will be taken away from us if we are not occupying the lands or doing something to the lands so that it becomes productive. Some of us maoris have just received our lands back from a confiscation, now this Tppa agreement is using the agreement to confiscate it again which I believe is one of the main things that should not have been in the Tppa in the first place, how can this be protecting everything the Treaty is to maori. Being sued over protecting our environment by big comapanies that will or can damage our environment and it's living species just to make a buck is rediculous and very poorly negotiated by our representatives of NZ who signed the Tppa. I dont want the Americans getting a say of how our laws should be so that they can make their money in our country then laugh at us having to live in the mess they leave behind. Our PM and his team of reps have not negotiated hard enough for me to back the Tppa. The way we run our country has helped our PM get to where he is today doesnt he want other kiwis just like him to benefit from what he received please submit some if not all of my submissions to the govt to let them know that my whole family is against his tppa corrupted contract
Anne Kempthorne	We live in a unique and very special country with eco systems already struggling. Our flora and fauna are found no where else in the world and I am one of the many persons in this country who are doing my best to prevent more extinctions. Please do not make our efforts in vain by going ahead with this agreement and selling our dependence and wild peaceful places to the Gods of corporate power and the almighty dollar.
Zoe Bezett	New Zealand is meant to be a democracy, but whenever the people speak out we are ignored. So many people have spoken out, there should at least be a referendum when it could be something that will affect us for such a long time
Christopher James	It is painfully obvious to me that the only benefit gained by anyone is the corporations involved in trade. There is no benefit to the individual Kiwi, perhaps indirectly by those working for the corporations. It abhors me to think that foreign corporations would be able to sue our government for making decisions based on New Zealand public opinion and that might impinge on foreign investors ability to make profit. Also that foreign countries and corporations should have the ability to determine New Zealand's future.
Elise Burkevics	Anything that takes away the rights of individuals and puts the decisions of our future in the hands of corporations in the interest of their profits over whats best for this land and its people cannot benefit the greater good of New Zealand, this world or the voting citizens of this country. This cannot be undone! Regardless of the bill, why would any government pass or agree to something that cannot be undone? New Zealand could be leading the world in sustainable change. We are small and full of passionate people. There is still time to change perspective and think humanely. I beg you. Show us the true kiwi spirit and do whats right for us.
Robert Krupitza	It is ridiculous that these treaties are being considered. There are a plethora of reasons for this not to go ahead. It reduces the role of government in dictating policy, and make the taxpayer a piggy bank for corporate greed. If TPPA goes through, wages will decrease, cost of living will increase. The incredible wealth gap will continue to increase exponentially.
Sarah Bland	New Zealand has been a beautiful country for so many generations. I am in favour of ameliorating international trade relations, but not at the societal cost that the TPP in its current form will enforce. The TPPA allows foreign corporates to dictate and exploit the NZ environment and resources to the financial detriment of everyday Kiwis. The TPPA will undoubtedly undermine our ability to keep our national taonga and tikanga beautiful and authentic for the generations coming, who deserve better. NZ politicians who endorse the signing of the TPPA do not have the best interests of New Zealanders at heart. I am completely against New Zealand signing the TPPA.
John McLean	Under the freedom of information act I am horrified to hear these trade deals are being done in private, behind closed doors. This TPPA agreement needs to be fully disclosed in the public area and open book for scrutinizing and only then should an effort be made to sign this historic, game changing document... With the public behind it or at least 75% of nz residence in support of signing.
Waina Bonnie Kempson	The loss of our Sovereignty, ISDS, etc
Courtney	I worry for mine and my kids future I have melanoma and can't get medical or life insurance I have on going hospital and medical care we already live on one income and struggle to already high medical cost as well as having 3 children

Hazel	after having watched the family home sold off by mail order bride I DO NOT TRUST any government department or minister or our courts to keep us safe and protected for foreigners of ill repute .so don't want them making decisions for me and my children .I don't want the TPPA secret deal done by people I don't trust
Dylan Silverthorn-Marwick	The threat of not being able to speak out against something that's important to an individual without the risk of it being illegal is insane, if this is ratified.
Hugh Tomlinson	My main concern with the TPPA is the secrecy issue. Whilst keeping the negotiations secret is custom and practice, I fear that the secrecy surrounding ISDS system will allow corporations to sue our government for protecting its people and we would not be allowed to know the details on this. The very people sitting in these tribunals are from backgrounds that favour big businesses rather than the democratic process. If you doubt that corporations favour profits above public health and safety, the environment or the very fabric of our society then I would direct you to consider the most recent actions of the tobacco industry in their opposition to plain packaging.
Simon Sholl	I don't want faceless corporations telling us what we want, when we should be telling them. Us as a people and our representatives (the government) should have the final say on things, without the threat of being sued.
Zoanna Lamond	Since when do we have a government that not only doesn't listen to the people in its country but also runs and hides. Make it ion the open. If that is what the TPPA is supposed to do why has it been so secretive. Keep our country free. How are the everyday people supposed to live with this, stop thinking of the 1% and start listing to the 99%.
Milo Gilmour	There is no way this so called "agreement " should be put into law , it was never discussed, the people of New Zealand have not had an opportunity to vote on it, and the main reason for it's existence is to take political power from the voters and hand it to the owners of large corporations.
Nicola Searle	I reject the TPPA on the basis of democratic process. I am concerned about the effects the power being given to multinational corporations, to undermine our sovereignty. Our own government should be able to make decisions about our environment, human rights, access to affordable medicines and treatments which are secure. I would like to make an oral submission on this issue.
Gareth	Society is about responsibilities of the individual and the group as a whole. Every aspect of this agreement helps negate those responsibilities, thus leading to a breakdown of society.
Steve Collins	It is common sense to reject this agreement. The same US Corporation who lobbied the US government to create NAFTA in the 1990s. google "Canada being sued by nafta". This is ISDS at work.
Amy Jesensek	In this submission I would like to highlight the potential impact of the TPPA on our sovereignty and political process. The TPPA places the rights of corporations above the rights of New Zealanders and the New Zealand government with the ISDS process backing this up. Supporters of the TPPA within New Zealand site the economic benefits as the reason for their support, ie we will have more money, but I submit; what is the point of more money without the sovereignty to decide how that money is best spent? What is the point of more money if, when the government decides to spend that money protecting the environment, foreign corporate interests can sue our government in a dodgy corporate court and likely win back that money and more in the name of 'policies leading to corporate loss'? Other countries such as Canada are already facing law suits from corporations over environmental protection and the idea of strengthening the corporations rights in these cases is laughable bordering on horrifying to me.
Keira Arnold	The TPPA suckssssssss
Sean B Lemon	I disagree with TPPA on the grounds that the New Zealand public was not allowed to be involved in the negotiations surrounding the framework of the treaty. A treaty that so obviously impacts the average New Zealander should NOT be arranged in secret.
Jacqueline Brett	New Zealander neither want or need association with TPPA. Keep saying no to the madness.
Viki Clairmont	to all those who this does and will concern : i know that this agreement, the TPP, is a one way street. all of its benefits will go the americans and american style international corporations. our money generating national assets will continue to be sold off and we will be enslaved/impoverished in the lands that we occupy. sounds like fun - sure - imagine a major recession and your family impoverished and at the mercy of these influences and then hold your head up and laugh at those of us who are rightly concerned. you will die soon enough why not die with dignity and virtue knowing you have voted against this terrible legislation. Viki Clairmont.
G Hudepohl	not about real trade..No to TPPA!!

Brian Gawith	Freeing up of trade need not include increases in safeguards and legal power to large and wealthy corporations. They afford the best lawyers.
Flavio Moghini	The wealth of a country resides in its people's well-being. TPPA is not concerned with the well-being of a country's people, only to the profit it can make out of said people in favor to a few corporate CEOs. It's time to take step against inequality and preserve the environment, things that big business has never cared for.
pam baldwin	I have been protesting & marching against NZ joining the TPPA for many years, as it has potential to impact on our basic rights to access natural & traditional health & lifestyle choices. People from Canada joined us & shared the terrible impact it has on their country & lives. Our basic rights of self determination & democracy have been undermined by the government not listening to the people & trying to railroad this agreement in with underhand secret negotiations. Power to the people & to our Treaty of Waitangi to protect us from this violation of our rights.
Karen du Fresne	I strongly oppose New Zealand's participation in the TPPA. Looking at MFAT modelling, it offers minimal benefits - a .9% increase in GDP by 2030. Sheer commonsense indicates that projections this far out are subject to all sorts of variants that we can't currently predict, and we risk loss of jobs, loss of sovereignty, increased inequality as a result of social and Treaty of Waitangi issues we are not able to effectively address, and huge costs if we are successfully sued under the ISDS. We also face increased costs for pharmaceuticals (which the government does not deny) and any talk about the government making up the difference is a joke - the money has to come from somewhere, and will undoubtably come from cuts elsewhere in the health system. The fact that the treaty has been kept secret from the public and our elected officials during negotiations while being open to lobbyists is also a major concern, as is the fact that MFAT alone conducts the 'National Interest Analysis' (NIA) which considers the advantages and disadvantages of New Zealand entering into the TPPA. Their concern is purely about perceived economic advantage, and they are not qualified to make judgements about other issues which are important for New Zealanders. Politicians have belittled TPPA's many opponents by dismissing them as ill-informed. However, there is a wealth of analysis out there by people who are specialists in their fields, and everything I have read about the TPPA convinces me that buying into this treaty will have disastrous consequences for New Zealand.
Amber Parry Strong	My big concern with an increase in medication costs is that Pharmac will then be even less likely to provide NZers with access to new medicines. In Diabetes for example there are medications standard in the UK that we have no access to here - and paying more in the pharmac budget for the same current medicines leaves less money for new drugs.
Alex Pirie	I have grave concerns about the TPPA. It has so many potential downsides that the meagre potential benefits to trade do not compensate for. There is no escape clause, once in we are committed no matter how damaging the resulting consequences will turn out to be in the future. This agreement is a huge mistake.
Lynda Sampson	I need to know exactly what is being signed, in laymans terms, I cannot agree with the TPPA until I am sure NZ will not be worse off by doing so

	I do not support the ratification of the TPPA and I call upon you - the government of New Zealand, to meet your obligations to act in the best interests of the population who elected you and abandon plans to ratify this destructive agreement. My primary reasons for objecting to the TPPA are as follows: The assertion is that the TPPA will deliver growth and jobs and increase the GDP (even infinitesimally) and will not "undermine regulation and existing levels of protection in areas like health, safety and the environment" is quite obviously, untrue. As an example, Barack Obama promised that the similarly constructed US-Korea Free Trade Agreement would increase US exports by \$10billion. In reality they immediately fell by \$3.5 billion. 70,000 jobs were promised, yet 40,000 were lost. To quote commentator Glyn Moody "The benefits are slight and illusory, while the risks are very real." Instead it is clear that what this agreement WILL do is what it has been really designed to do - Override our laws, strip away our rights and make our democratic representatives - parliament powerless and redundant in the face of multinational corporations. The problem is, our democratic rights are not yours to sell out and I assert that you are in abuse of office if you attempt to do so. Simply put, as democratically elected representatives of the people of New Zealand you cannot and must not ignore the people where it is established that they, in significant numbers, oppose this deal. The TPPA contains a section allowing for Investor State Dispute Settlements – a Toxic agreement that allows massive international corporations to sue our governments (and therefore us) for enacting moral and ethical legislation for the benefit of New Zealanders if it adversely affects the corporation's profits. I wholeheartedly reject that this is in the interests of New Zealand and its people. Particularly concerning is that under the TPPA it is not only possible, but highly likely that essential legislation to protect our environment will be blocked by corporations. Examples of this occurring under ISDS clauses elsewhere in the world are: 1. Energy corporation Vattenfall seeking \$6 billion in 'lost profits' compensation from Germany following their decision to phase out Nuclear following the cataclysmic accident at Fukushima. 2. Both Uruguay and Australia being sued by Phillip Morris for increasing cigarette warnings – once again for \$billions. 3. El Salvador sued by Pacific Rim mining over a decision to refuse mining permits following an environmental disaster that devastated this densely populated country's clean water supply. Under the TPPA, Global Corporations (several of which have annual profits that dwarf New Zealand's GDP) will literally have the ability to bully New Zealand. You are asking us to place control over our future and that of our children into the hands of Global Corporations. Corporations motivated by morals, ethics, the well-being of humanity and the environment? No, the motivation of corporations is profit for their shareholders, this is a widely accepted truth and cannot be disputed. Furthermore the secrecy of negotiations around the TPPA is unacceptable and in direct conflict again with the rights of the people of New Zealand to access and understand issues affecting their daily lives. Meetings with civil society groups have been minimal in comparison to those held with corporations and their lobbyists, who have been heavily involved in the drafting of the proposed agreements . Unlike the civil society meetings, these have taken place behind closed doors and have not been disclosed to the general public. We live in an age of environmental destruction, financial instability and ever increasing funneling of resources away from the population and towards a minority group of wealthy elite. I call for more protection from predatory corporate practices, not less
Martin Junek	Did the people give the government the mandate to go ahead with this TPPA? I know I didn't or any of my children who are old enough vote!! Our health costs as we age is certainly not getting any cheaper and neither will it get any cheaper for the coming generations at this rate What is this about National Party; corporate power to influence the political process; every person in our country (and I love NZ dearly) should have the freedom, security and utmost knowledge that our government will make decisions that will benefit for generations to come; get a grip National it's not just you; the people put you there so listen to them!!!
Leona Steel	I have no confidence in any "trade deal" that has been constructed by the powerful and influential people of the international community. We are expected to believe that they are working in the best interests of us all but I fear that in fact we are being sold yet again on the "trickle down effect". I am particularly concerned about the effect it will have on the legal status of the "Principles of the Treaty". Also on Maori special status as the Tangata Whenua.
helen margaret thomlinson	There comes a time when governments need to be reminded that they work for the people. A small mandate from a few like minded cronies is not a licence to do whatever it takes to make individual money. The loss of security and sovereignty over our own country is on the table no matter what we are being assured of. Likewise, the loss of ability of Kiwis to influence the direction of our country when politicians ignore the public and do not allow full open public debate is criminal. We do NOT have the decision every 3 years, we have it every day, and major changes are necessary in our country's citizen's rights. The language of teh TPPA is far too open for interpretation and it will be many years before the courts sort out what the intent of the wording was supposed to be. The winners will be large pocketed corporations at the expense of citizens and that will lead inevitably to authority revolution and anarchy practices. Quit before you irretrievably change this country for the worse.
Gregory D Smith	We are the tangata whenua..so we should be in control of what happens in our rohe..not money
Darrin Michael Pivac	We are the tangata whenua..so we should be in control of what happens in our rohe..not money

Gareth Sharples	Don't let NZ become even more controlled by Corporations. We are already going deeper down the tunnel, following the USA into a country where peoples basic rights are being slowly removed. This is the start of the same process for us. The corporate giants are ruining the world, let NZ stand its ground and not buckle to this pressure. It's not right, and nobody wants it. What are you doing making such decisions without the permission of the people of NZ.
Carolyn Parkes	As an ordinary kiwi and to my shame, past national voter. I am not an expert when it comes to negotiating trade deals. But I have become very concerned recently about the way this government has conducted itself. It seems far more concerned with negotiating benefits for big business, with not only ignoring the ordinary person and small businesses owners which make up the vast majority in this country, but also trying to distract us from finding out the true implications of the bill. I am really concerned that this Bill will be ratified and again rushed through the process without New Zealanders being made aware of the impact this will have on them. Even now I'm not sure of all the implications good and bad for the country. There are particular things that concern me. The impact on pharmac and the cost of medicines, and I am horrified that big global businesses might be able to use the threat of legal action to influence the way kiwis behave. But as I said, I am not an expert and that means I want to find out everything I can before this becomes law. Please don't railroad over us. Thanks
Gaye Mallinson	I strongly am against the TPPA and believe the government of NZ should listen to its people as we are the voting voice of this nation. This is a big mistake for the citizens of not only NZ but the world to go ahead with TPPA and the only ones to really gain are large corporates and short term governments. This is short term thinking to think this would be a successful strategy and a disaster for all individual people of the world. DO NOT GO AHEAD WITH THE TPPA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES - I DO NOT SUPPORT A GOVERNMENT WHO SUPPORTS TPPA!!
Karleta Maria	Singing documents that give corporate power which can influence our political process is not legal or lawful, it's all about greed and the rich getting richer and be damned about humanity and the general population who care about the environment and the radical climate changes effecting our planet. Undermining our democracy takes us back centuries,during the signing of the "Treaty of Waitangi" were this generation are re-paying for the illegal injustice of the past century. Prime Minister John Key theirs no democracy on signing this TPPA document, just corporate power and greed you yourself becoming an extremely wealthy gentleman has made you so out of touch with reality and what New Zealand means to the growing population of today another EPIC failure as the leader of our Clean,Green country we all call home...shame on you Prime Minister of doom.
Willie Murray	Pharmaceutical companys are more responsible for deaths in the world than any other cause by suppressing medication for terminal patients due to cost. This agreement will make it even worse and cause even more deaths.
Kyle Searle	I am opposed to the TPPA for the following reasons 1. You hid what you were doing which immediately makes me suspicious that you had something to hide. 2. decreased trade tariffs for dairy exports will increase dairy production further harming the local environment making NZ less desirable as a tourist destination their fore harming our (arguably) biggest export tourism. 3. obviously giving overseas companies a legal foot hold against NZ sovereignty is bad for NZ IT IS NOT WORTH THE GAIN! 4. Increasing copyright durations? Clearly negative on every-bodies behalf except obviously the copyright holders. Imagine still having to pay \$20 for a ten pack of paracetamol why would you ever agree to the equivalent of this for a few extra dollars going to an industry that is already damaging NZ's image. 5. I do not see this bill passing due to lack of commitment from other countries anyway, get out now and avoid being seen as a rat fleeing a sinking ship. Give me an unbiased detailed cost benefit analysis I will change my mind if it looks good but right not the TPPA looks like a very bad deal to me.
Mike Sinclair	The costs will make sure NZ is unable to object to large Corporates and their ISDS behaviour. We don't have the money to compete. A terrible idea to allow Corporates to have so much say over our lives. The trade deal is great, the ISDS stinks.
Tessa Foster	I am truly concerned that the TPPA will have significant negative impacts on our ability to protect our citizens, boarders and industry:. The powers of multinational companies will be put ahead of the rights of New Zealanders to make choices about our country, These same companies will charge us more for our medicines. How can it be right to give away our country's future viability for a quick gain now?
Andrea Dimmock	Democracy needs to be transparent!

Sarah Davis	I, along with many people I know, are extremely worried that the TPPA will undermine our democratic rights, impede change for environmental and social good and open up channels for large corporations to sue NZ governments (now and in the future) for breaching this. We need more public consultation and more open discussion of this. This is a secretive and binding deal that may affect our country very negatively. It will put more power in the hands of fewer people- powerful corporations with only their own profits in mind. STOP the TPPA!
Margaret Jefferies	Our government is squandering the gift that we have of our land Aotearoa/New Zealand by running the country as those it was a business, by using a failed economic model, trying to lock us into systems that are not working for us nor for the planet as a whole. Secrecy, a paternalistic approach to running the country, a lack of long term vision, giving away our country's voice to corporate power, manipulation of facts... all are eroding the core strengths and values of our country. We must not follow through with the TTP and lose our sovereignty and power to make decisions ourselves for our country.
Cherise Jones	To whom it may concern, I am writing to urge you to listen to the people of New Zealand who clearly do not want to be part of the TPPA. I am proud of being a New Zealander and don't want our identity to be lost as overseas corporations take more control of our beautiful country. One of the wonderful things about being a New Zealander is our spectacular scenery and wildlife. These will become threatened if large companies wish to use our natural resources for industry. Overseas investors will not be concerned about protecting our environment, just making money. I believe we need to protect our clean green image which is so appealing to tourists. I am also very concerned about the increased cost of medication. While the government says they will subsidise this, I'm sure they will not be able to do that for every medication needed for New Zealanders. I also have a pet who is on expensive medication. I doubt her medicine will be subsidised. Another big concern is the potential to be sued by large corporations. We as new Zealanders should have the right to make decisions which affect our health and welfare. If these impact on trade agreements we could be sued. AS a small country I don't believe we are in a position to take this risk. Yours sincerely Cherise Jones
Alastair	Governments should work for the people not corporations
Grant Bayley	We fought for freedom of speech over last century and many died and now this is being taken away through parliament's action , but the sickness over the planet created by Corporations (This is well documented ...Web, movies etc) has been more damaging on the environment because of Corporations greed to make money, when there are other options.. When the most important 'things' are to care for our planet and the life that lives on it. I don't believe, through its corporate actions that TPPA cares for our planet or the life that lives on it, therefore this country (and others) should not support the TPPA and New Zealand should not be part of TPPA .
Greg Hewgill	The current NZ government seems to be looking only at the dollar signs from trade tariff reductions, without considering the erosion of the moral and ideological principles on which our society is built. The citizens of New Zealand do not want American ideology and values to be imposed upon us. I know I'm willing to pay a bit more for imported goods so that our government does not become a puppet of American corporate interests.
graeme pedersen	I don't want this treaty ratified, the costs of medicines to me (via taxes) and my pets will rise exorbitantly, we will have no control over GM products entering our country, the origin and ingredients of foreign food and imports means a lot to me and my friends and we will no longer know this. Also I don't want offshore oil and mineral exploration companies destroying what little country we have left, which will be less and less with the ability of anyone with cash to purchase whatever they want under this so called free trade agreement.
Greg Daymond	This agreement is totally so wrong in so many ways .We lose sovereignty lose our identity our right to feed ourselves .All because multinationals Want more Profit at the cost of human life and freedom
Guy	This is not a trade agreement for the 21st century. It gives away to much power to publicly unaccountable organisations
pedri	Cumputer says no
SARAH KELLY	I just feel there are more negatives to this deal than positives for our Aotearoa. We Do not want to be and should not be made out to be puppets of world leaders/corporations other than what is important and relevant to our unique little paradise.

	<p>The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement. We will pay more over time to access music and movies. We will also pay more over time for books and educational resources, making it more expensive for us to learn and to do business. It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits. Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws.</p>
Lachlan ferris	I don't like the cause it will have on the Treaty, and investment from foreign organisations that will give them power to sue our government aa and have a say in law making in.NZ.
Sonia Corbett	Please DO NOT ratify the TPPA. It is a bad deal for New Zealand, for the following reasons: - It poses a threat to any future action to protect our environment or cope with climate change; - it will further undermine the Treaty of Waitangi; - it gives foreign corporations great power and influence over the political process in NZ.
Julian Mayo	I think something like this should be voted upon, not left to one group of individuals to decide our fate for us..
gerard fleet	Secret deals to benefit multi national corporations. Not in the best interest of NZ and people.
Anake Goodall	Kia ora koutou, tātou anō! I understand the importance of trade generally, and the potential of free trade to provide significant opportunities to all countries, including Aotearoa New Zealand. I have two principal concerns with the TPPA: 1. The ISDS 2. The potential implications for Pharmac and our public health system. 1. ISDS I am aware of the significant rise of these sorts of disputes internationally in recent years and believe that it is disingenuous to say that they are "a low probability". NZ should not, on any account, give away its capacity to pass laws and regulations in its own country to express the will of citizens of that country. The idea that foreign corporations could challenge and overturn, for example, laws aimed at reducing smoking rates is outrageous and cannot be countenanced. This is a serious cession of national sovereignty and should only be possible after a fully informed public discussion followed by a public referendum, i.e. the same standard as applied to, for example, a decision for a country in Europe to join the EU. It is worth noting that Europe has already signalled that it is will be looking for an alternative to the outdated ISDS provisions. I accordingly propose that NZ should take a similar stance. 2. Pharmac I have lived in the United States and am aware of their highly fragmented and expensive health system which, despite being some 18% of GDP, is not universal. I can not comprehend why we would take a world leading health system such as ours, including the least-cost Pharmac drug purchasing model, and in any way expose it to changes that might shift it even slightly towards the US model. No such provisions should be countenanced. Thank you for considering the submission. I urge you to adopt its recommendations.
Ann Louise Mitcalfe	Kia ora Say "No" to the TPPA. Vote against the TPPA. Do not "sign" it. Do not ratify it. Be the first of the 12 countries who in fact do NOT sign or certify the TPPA. I invite you to be STRONG for New Zealand. Throw away the TPPA. And, instead, continue to make Aotearoa New Zealand the best independent country it can be, longterm - NOT over-ruled by corporate interests; NOT contributing to secret processes; NOT supporting the TPPA in any way. We don't need the TPPA. You and I and our country will be better off without it. Please do not make the unforgivable mistake of reducing New Zealand's choices for the future. Climate Change is REAL and we need our full sovereign powers intact in order to fight against the eventual devastation of this planet as we know it. Say "No Way", right now, to the TPPA and to any future "agreements" which will attempt to replicate it.
Darryl Knight	Just look at how much Canada has been sued, How is this possibly going to save money?
Sophia Leon de la Barra	Dear MPs and Parliament As the coordinator at the Waitaki Community Gardens, small business owner and NZ , I have serious concerns with New Zealand signing onto the TPPA. The impact it will have on our land ownership, political autonomy, environment, and food sovereignty is potentially detrimental to our own generation and our ancestors'. Please protect our great nation, and SAY NO TO THE TPPA! Sincere Thanks for Your Consideration Sophia Leon de la Barra Resident & Rate Payer of Waitaki District Waitaki Community Gardens Coordinator Defenceman for NZ Ice Fernz

Carmen	After what has already happened in Australia our country should know better! I dont want it !!! Your ruining our country!This is only for the greedy
Chris Young	Common sense! If TPPA is so great for the common New Zealander, then it shouldn't have been negotiated in secret for years, forced upon us despite huge public opposition, and never formally discussed or debated by those signing in our name. If it won't undermine the Treaty Of Waitangi, then why hasn't any ministers or independently appointed lawyers reviewed and publicly disclosed provisions that uphold our own treaty? If common concerns such as corporations suing our government (and in turn taxpayer) for a loss of FORECASTED profits or loss of free internet use, then why not site the TPPA text that contradicts that concern? What text, if any, upholds our ability to retain NZ worker's rights and competitiveness in international markets? What specific clause makes reference to controlling foreign investors from buying up our housing, land, farms, and infrastructure so keeping NZ assets in the hands of kiwi's stays affordable? And lastly, if kiwi's are of particular concern to any area, be it implied or expressly written, on any matter, what upholds our ability to pass a local law to counteract that area of the TPPA agreement? We're citizens, not slaves to the corporate authors of the TPPA treaty and should be treated as such.
Kate	Stop the tppa. As New Zealanders, we do not want it. We value our independence and land. We do not want to be held to ransom by foreign companies who are making choices based on their profit rather than our wellbeing and environment. Why do you want to sign? What is it that you are gaining that we don't know about???
susan moore	The people are simply not being listened to, thousands of everyday people marched all over the country on the day of signing to demonstrate their disapproval, with little mainstream media coverage, the largest peaceful protest in yrs, which clearly shows that we the people do NOT want this corporate take over!!!...for this country to move forward with any trade deal , that is apparently good for all of us, then why has it been so secret.. and why no referendum, it will affect the current treaty of Waitangi... mediations, and not to mention it opens us up to corporations suing us in private courts...none of which is fair to the people, Its all for corporate business.
K Buehler	As NZ is already an open state, we have much more to lose than to gain in this type of agreement. It is bad for our people as a whole.
Scott Jefferson	You greedy fools are really trying to drive the bus off the cliff as you try to hold on to your dying self interests
Sarah Nicholas	I call on the government to halt the process of signing the TPP Agreement. My reason for being against this is the treat of the ISDS suing the government over health environment education. This is unjust. We have the right to self autonomy as a country. No outside influence has the right to dictate what we can't do. Added to that it strips us of our sovereignty. We have the right as citizens of New Zealand to decide to make our own decisions. It is our human right to do so. Finally corporations need to back off. I and my family do not want their toxic waste.
Gabrielle Ponsford	I am very very concerned at the lack of detail we have been given about the TPPA and how it will really affect our country. I DEMAND the TPPA is NOT signed
Michael mckenna	This agreement has nothing to do with free trade and more to do with corporate protection, it is a facist leaning document with minimal fairness to the working class and progress made by unified peoples whos only life goal is to provide for there families and community.... Our grandfathers who were duped into giving up their lives for democracy would be turning in their graves. Sometimes tarrifs and suchlike are nessasary to protect what rights and standards gained by time against countries with none.
REIHANA ROBINSON	Support for FAIR trade not TPPA trade which is neither fair nor free.
Robert Roney	Our government should have control over whom is able to buy land in New Zealand and associated access to the NZ public. Furthermore no trade agreement should have higher status than NZ law.
Svante Johansson	The TPPA negotiations are being kept secret, what we know about the TPPA comes from leaked documents and detective work. This isn't right. In a democracy, we have the right to know what is done in New Zealands name and to have a say. Huge Foreign companies will be able to sue the New Zealand government for millions in lost profits, because new laws and regulations (for example, a ban on fracking, smoking control laws, or a cap on electricity prices) will undermine their value of their investments.

Dave Lane	The TPPA represents a Government going beyond the mandate provided by the people it represents. The process by which the TPPA was negotiated and signed is an affront to our democracy, and I feel betrayed by the Government's willingness to undermine its transparency, and to not only excuse, but even vigorously defend the secrecy of the negotiations. Although it was secret to all the citizens of the 12 countries affected by the agreement, 600 US corporate lobbyists and lawyers not only saw the agreement - they wrote it. That imbalance is anti-democratic. Although our negotiators appear to have softened the corporate-favouring language of the agreement to some extent, their limited knowledge and understanding of the implications of the text mean that they cannot mitigate all of its detrimental impact. Let's face it: given its authors, the TPPA was written to promote the activities of multinational corporates over those of the citizens of nation states. The precise text of the agreement is not even particularly relevant. Even if the text of the TPPA is largely benign (it is not), its 6000 pages create a huge imposition on legislators to vet any proposed national legislation against the vast number of conditions it prescribes (not to mention the many other dependent agreements it references, and to whose conditions we need to accede). The TPPA is not created for the benefit of the people of New Zealand or any other participating country. Its costs - many of them social, not directly commercial - have not be fully acknowledged or communicated by its Government boosters. For that reason, I do not think the Government has fulfilled its part in the social contract with the citizens of NZ. If the Government is honourable, it will abandon the TPPA on principle.
Trish Jones	I do Not support Tppa in any way!! It is an agreement between a few greedy selfish controlling corporates and the elite!!Trying to hide behind the "trade" smokescreen!!
Christine Murray	I am making a submission as to why I believe, as a New Zealander, we should not be part of the TPPA. 1. I am not happy that NZ will lose it's sovereignty in making quality decisions for ourselves. 2. Politicians are Public Servants and if the people of NZ are saying NO TPPA, I object to secret meetings and negotiations being made on our behalf by out Politician leaders. Listen to the People. 3. The Treaty Of Waitangi has not been adhered to as in Maori have NOT been consulted about this agreement. The Treaty is a partnership between two parties but only one is making a decision for our country! 4. I am concerned that life saving medicines will be too expensive for the everyday NZer to buy as pharmaceutical companies raise costs and concntrate on making profits and not the service. 5. If instituted, the TPPA's intellectual propert regime will trample over individual rights and free expression, as well as ride roughshod over the intellectual and creative commons. If you read, write, publish,think, listen, dance, sing or invent: if you farm or consume food: if you are ill now or might one day be ill, the TPP has you (us) in its crosshairs, and I DO NOT want this for my country, my family now and my family yet to be born. I say NO to the TPPA...no more said! Christine Murray
Leo Wilson	The very fact that we as citizens of a country that will be heavily influenced by the TPPA have very limited access to the negotiations and decisions being made should be enough to make anyone dubious about its content, why are they hiding it from us? Because they know we would disagree. We cannot let corporate power get a hold of this country, it will destroy us.
Isopo Samu	The process has been undemocratic and dictatorial.
Fred Braxton	I oppose implementation of the TPPA for these reasons: 1 Any treaty negotiated in secret is not democratic. 2 The TPPA will increase the secret influence of corporate power over the government. 3 In particular the existence of secret tribunals under the ISDS process reduces the freedom of the NZ People, as represented by the government of the day, to make ;aws appropriate to our own welfare and that of the planet.
Janice Margaret Mayo	I am concerned at the lack of clear, honest presentation of this deal that is being brokered on my behalf. John Key is letting small details out eg. medicines will cost more and keep their patents longer. This is something that has been speculated for sometime by the anti TPP voice and now we hear it has truth to it. How can we trust all the other obfuscations that have been presented as truths. There is enough concern by many people and trusted organisations that it would be very politic to stop the process and have open disclosure and debate before any further action is taken. Please do not sign the TPPA until there has been an open, democratic process by the people it purports to represent.
Seth Marr-Evans	I'm against TPPA
Wendy Earle	We need to maintain our independence from big business. I want our democracy to be unthreatened & believe the TPP will undermine this.
franca morani	The TPPA is anti democratic, and signing it is antidemocratic, therefore should be considered illegal.

H.W. Smith	To the Select Committee of Parliament considering the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement I am opposed to New Zealand becoming a party to the TPPA because I believe that the agreement will drastically affect and limit this country's sovereignty and the dependence of our institutions, particularly our courts and legal systems. To me it is unacceptable and indeed unthinkable that some foreign group of arbitrators appointed in secret and acting completely without responsibility towards New Zealand's people, not chosen by the people should make decisions that affect the New Zealand people in such vitally important matters. This is the antithesis of democracy. Under our traditional system of government the nation states is the best protection that the citizen has against the enormous power of the international business corporations and we should never allow any such dilution of the powers of our national system to protect us. H.W. Smith, Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit
Patrice Thompson	I see no real benefit here for New Zealanders, in fact I see us losing our independence as we know it, and the in-built Kiwi-ingenuity that is pure New Zealand will be stunted and lost. This seems more like communism than a democracy. New Zealand really does not need these big corporations we can function self-sufficiently if necessary, what I see is the Big overseas corporations draining New Zealand of all resource and production. Hard working New Zealanders will not reap any benefit from our own work. The issues above are all important to me it was difficult to limit to just 3.
Jane Bellerby	I totally oppose the TPPA as I think it undermines the people of this country in an elemental way that is wrong. Our land is ours to take care of - it is not here to be parcelled out for the greed and gain of corporations, unprincipled political actions and a disregard of the individuality of Aotearoa/New Zealand. The lack of respect for the majority of the people of this country and the continual mismanagement by this current government and the bureaucracy that supports them is a crime. For the sake of the future of our children and their children and their children, do not continue with this travesty. Thank you.
Dana Rose	The Corporates & Uber Rich already have too much power. They are far-removed from the world most of us live in so have no understanding, nor feel morally connected to us. Why give them unlimited power over the rest of the world & our environment & increase their feeling of detached omnipotence?
Clarisse van Trijp	I strongly oppose the TPPA : -A referendum should take place for an issue of such an importance considering the majority of the public opposing the TPPA. -It is time the Prime Minister listens to the voices of citizens who voted for him at first place for the sake of this and future generations in New Zealand. NO TO TPPA !
Ani Kainamu Murchie	Kia Ora, the TPPA was not decided with consensus of the country's people. It does not include our first legal country document Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the consensus of the First Nations people - tangata whenua - Māori. What is known about it, will mean we give up any sovereignty to larger powerful corporations who focus solely on their profits therefore pushing this country to focus economically and not include the other three pillars of social, cultural, and ecological values. I do not support the TPPA.
Lolly Dadley-Moore	Listen to the people of this country. You are a minority making decisions for people who are standing to say no to this. When you are long gone with your power, the people and their descendants will continue to be effected by your decision. Be human about this!
Bernard	This TPPA business is going to create too much separatism in our society. The Treaty of Waitangi is so important to the people of NZ and this bill will undermine that. I'm of the same opinion as many others who think this partnership deal is a waste of money and time.
Jesse HS	Close scrutiny of the final TPPA text reveals that its impact on the environment is even worse than had been expected from leaked drafts. A new paper, prepared by Simon Terry as part of a series supported by a New Zealand Law Foundation grant, concludes that the environment is a significant casualty under the TPPA. Analysis of the final text shows that the gains for the environment are few and small scale. By contrast, foreign investors can sue the Government for compensation if they believe new environmental protections will reduce their future profits, and this is a serious threat. When challenged on the need for such Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) rules, ministers have repeatedly said that there would be no restraint on the government's ability to regulate in the public interest. However, the text fails to protect the Government from being sued when taking such action.
Babar Mahmood	I am struggling to understand the rationale behind this TPPA. In my view, this TPPA is not healthy for our COUNTRY, People, and our Environment. We don't want other people to come and rule our nation and make decisions for us. We need to respect and save the rights of Maori people.
keith murphy	The National government understands full well the loss of sovereignty delivered by this agreement but prefers not to mention it. This approach is in my opinion treasonous. The ISDS process is a kangaroo style court and favours corporates above NZ citizens. Who are we governing for here? This agreement has very little to do with trade but is all about corporate power and influence trumping the rights of ordinary New Zealanders. It's treasonous, and disrespectful and should be thrown out

Daniel	never should there be any kind of deal where businesses have power over government
Lisa Cropp	Firstly, our democracy has already been violated when there was no referendum or vote on the signing of TPPA. My husband is dependent on medications to live, we have already been told by specialists that with increased costs of prescription drugs our funding will likely be cut. My husband's quality of life depends on this drug. Keep NZ democracy and keep our government For The People!
Rita Virtama	This is a binding agreement. The potential disadvantages have been whitewashed by our government. There are advantages as well, but we need to proceed with extreme caution and understand the consequences.
Natasha Menefy	It is because there isn't any full uncensored disclosure, as a democracy it is our right to have this information to make an informed decision as a population, not have our government hide it from us
Rohan Bell	I wish to say the TPPA is not in the best interests of all New Zealanders. It has not been decided by enough New Zealanders to be made an option for New Zealanders. I wish New Zealand to be a country that important decisions are made by the majority of the countries residents and not by a minority of the countries residents.
Wendy Taylor	Unfortunately over my 46 years of life, I have continued to lose faith and trust in the people who "run" our country and inevitably make the rules - with or without the general publics consultation. TPPA IS JUST ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW OUR GOVERNMENT IS LETTING US DOWN AND TAKING AWAY OUR HUMAN RIGHTS!!!
Joy brown	My voice/vote would not be heard or considered important to those in power of my country but they would have the rights over anything that I hear or are involved in... my privacy would be taken away too!! I might as well be in a prison!!
Jill Masters	The NZ public has been told that the TPP is just another trade agreement, the same as those made in the past. This is not true. Despite there being a number of commodity trading issues covered, it also includes many points that go far beyond anything to do with free trade. ISDS's, while not a direct threat at present, are still a potential threat to every citizen, should they ever be undertaken. Even if we win such a dispute, the taxpayer may need to pay huge amounts of money to reach that point. The National Govt. cannot say that this will never happen and that ISDS is irrelevant to us, as there are these types of settlements currently going on around the world, threatening to bankrupt smaller developing countries, so even when they win, the people lose. Regarding the extension of patents on medicines, I am appalled at a government that would try and explain this away as being of little consequence. Those who cannot afford medicines that are not produced at a more reasonable cost due to this aspect of the TPP will suffer, and possibly die. We were given some figures regarding the potential benefits of an increase in commodity trading, particularly dairy, and now those figures have been reduced to a fraction of the original promise, with no explanation, and no admission that in the end NZ did not successfully negotiate their way to the desired outcome. Instead we are constantly told that Tim Groser did a fantastic job, and that we are all going to be so much better off, while the truth is that the benefit will have a very small overall effect, in comparison to the threatened damage to our country by allowing for ISDS, medicine costs, uncontrolled purchasing of property by foreign buyers and business effectively controlling government. The National Govt. has always supported the needs of the corporation before the individual, so it's not surprising that they support a trade deal that has been formulated by big business for big business. What is shocking is that they have unashamedly and with a total lack of transparency, pushed forward, without acknowledging the massive pitfalls in having NZ involved in such a deal. To add to this abuse of the democratic process, they have criticised anyone who protests at their actions, undermining the learned opinions of even the most qualified and eminent academics and scholars we have in this country, just because they don't agree with the TPP. It is not just about trade, it is about sovereignty, about democracy, about putting profit before people. This is the final straw in an era in which I have found myself embarrassed to be a native New Zealander (Euro), and I am disgusted with the way the government has managed this issue.
Lee Heller	It is deeply disturbing to see New Zealand surrendering its sovereignty and autonomy to an agreement that would deprive us of the ability to make the best decisions for ourselves, just so that larger nations and corporations can benefit. I am a recent immigrant drawn to this country precisely because it is a small democracy, where individual input can still make a difference, and where our geographical distance keeps us free from undue influence and dependence on other nations. The TPPA would undermine both. I urge this government in the strongest terms: DO NOT RATIFY.

	I am a Pakeha New Zealand native, and I am opposed to the ratification of the TPPA by the New Zealand government. I am initially opposed on a first-principles basis, that this deal was negotiated in secret between limited government elements and the trans-national corporate elite. This is an undemocratic process that places corporate interests above those of the people that elected governments are supposed to represent. The signing of these deals, with so little in the way of transparent debate and in-depth analysis, represents an unacceptable erosion of national sovereignty, and an undermining of democracy. The creation of ISDS facilities cedes an unwarranted and entirely undesirable degree of legal power to corporations, at a time in history when the majority of educated people are already very concerned by the lobbying leverage of big business against health and environmental interests. It is not at all clear that this agreement provides for particularly fair or free trade for New Zealand. The potential financial gains appear very modest compared to the loss of sovereignty to corporations and more powerful foreign governments. All of the useful tariff reductions signalled by the deal could be achieved through on-going negotiation with trade partners, without the erosion of national sovereignty and democracy that is attached to the TPPA. The fact that China has been left out of all three major trade deals currently being driven by the US federal government suggests that this process is underscored by a cynical effort to shore up the American economy against China. This does not seem to be truly in the spirit of fair and free trade at all. The fact that this deal is written so that once ratified, it is extremely difficult for our nation to back out of, is also strong cause for suspicion and concern. Why the need to be so locked-in? One can only presume that this is a safeguard designed to stop smaller more vulnerable states, such as New Zealand, from escaping the contract, once they understand that they have been duped into signing up to a shonky and dangerous treaty. The last time Kiwis signed such a deal with foreign powers, they lost nearly all of their land, resources and culture as a consequence. It's called the Treaty of Waitangi, and the battle to have this contract returned to an honorable position is still being waged by many good-hearted New Zealanders. It seems obvious that we should complete this vital historical process of redress; before once again delivering ourselves, as a nation, into the hands of greedy foreign investors. Yours sincerely, Jonathan Rennie
Jonathan Rennie	To whom it may concern, I oppose the signing of the TPPA on many fronts but most importantly in relation to our loss of sovereignty, the impact it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi and the undue power and influence that will come from Corporates over our political process. New Zealanders must have the ability and power to govern our own affairs and this right must be protected, as must the rights of all our citizens as promised by the Treaty of Waitangi. For the future of our children and future generations I implore you not to sign the TPPA yours sincerely Dora Salesa
Dora Salesa	I object to the process by which this Agreement has been developed. The secrecy , which has allowed some lobbyists from big corporations more access to negotiations, is dangerous and abhorrent. I do not believe that the increase in charges for medications will adequately be compensated for by government, even out of our taxes. Present spending on Health Care is limited at present and will only get worse . I dislike and fear the International Disputes Tribunal process, which appears to be linked to TPPA as well as TIPP. These Agreements make groups too powerful internationally to be ignored by other Big Power countries and will create International tension. I have many other concerns - but time is limited to sum up my reaction to 6,000 pages of legalese.
Zela Charlton	New Zealand is a country known to people around the world as a unique & outstandingly beautiful environment with diverse flora & fauna but the biodiversity & natural beauty of our country is extremely fragile and the NZ people care about protecting it. We would rather have our 100% pure New Zealand than risk our sovereignty by joining the TPPA. Please listen to the people!
Merisha Ansell	I propose that we have a budget of say \$26M to explore the TPPA, a TPPA Consideration panel of esteemed and impartial individuals and two referendums before ratifying the TPPA. Maybe then we'd be informed I'm not a constitutional lawyer or an economist, I just sense this is a biggy. Let's have a mature, informed debate about this before committing. Just like the process behind the flag.
Naomi	I do not side with the American brutal way of being pushy, we should have our own voice as to how our own backyard should be not what a government would like us to do....gmo seeds etc...stick with the English sovereignty ..
Debbie	It is disgusting that government refuses to provide unbiased assessments of the deal from academic professionals - and instead continues only to insist that 'everything will be fine'. The government needs to provide us evidence of these claims.
David Boulton	My opposition to the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement centres around mainly three issues -Firstly, the lack of transparency in the secretive and undemocratic process which has been associated with TPPA; The power multi-national corporations will have in influencing our political process and their ability to sue the NZ government as has happened recently between Canada and the USA - an example which cannot be ignored.
Rewa Selmeci	

RICHARD SMITH	I am against the TPPA because it will have an impact on future NZ government and the choices they can make for us the NZ people. There has been little or no consultation with the Tangata Whenua as agreed upon by the Waitangi Tribunal. Life-saving medication will be out of reach for those that can not afford them.
John Dwyer	Keep Overseas Corporations from having a say in our future.
Chris Lewis	I'm saddened that much of these proceedings have gone in secrecy with no communication with the people that have elected the respective governments into power. There have been more referendums on the new flag (convenient I think) than anything on this issue. A similar agreement was ratified back in the early 1990s and there was great promise for more jobs, etc, and they never came. I am worried, having not had any proper consultation that more laws will be enforced that we never asked for, reducing the amount of say we have in our lives.
Shvon Costar	The lack of transparency and honest consultation with the people is very suspicious..... We have trusted you with our country and you are not hearing our objections. You are disrespecting Maori. We have learned from our pakeha teachers and we are an intelligent people, we say "NO TPPA" Corporate power and their influence over political process only encourage more of "The rich get richer and poor get poorer. We say "No TPPA".
Rosalind Atkinson	I oppose the signing and ratification of TPPA on the grounds that it is undemocratic, and creates a situation whereby decisions on laws and trade regulations can be made without the buy in, knowledge, or approval of the people these laws are supposed to serve. It is government overstepping its mandate and undermining the democratic choices of the people who they supposedly answer to. It is not in the interest of everyday people. It is an extension of corporate power at the expense of everyday people. Terrible idea.
Marama-Ataahua O Te Rangi	Maori consultation is not with a few; as they do not represent all, therefore it was not correctly done; Te Tiriti O Waitangi exception is no guarantee of protection, where at the moment Maori are Kaitiaki for Aotearoa. US will have a stronghold over life saving medicine, by allowing pharmaceutical companies huge power over prices of medicine. Where is democracy for our Aotearoa, and if they will use stand over tactics on Canada and other places then they will do it ANYWHERE; and our so called government are like bowing to US like dogs returning to their own vomit. There is many reasons why the TPPA is an illegal act, but, mainly because te tangata O Aotearoa have stated 'NO'; so why is government still perusing this; because they have become a law unto themselves and we the people need to make them listen!
Graham Duncan	The threat of ISDS is very real, see on Google the US company that won a staggering \$94 million dollars from the Mexican Government in an Arbitration Tribunal who refused the right to have that company build an unwanted waste plant on Mexican soil. Germany is currently being sued by a Swedish company for not progressing with nuclear plants following the nuclear melt down in Japan. There are around 400 such actions already underway why would it not happen here in New Zealand. It would and we would be powerless to fight it. Our country's sovereign rights are at stake here, land and water rights are just the beginning. Future New Zealanders will suffer. Please halt this utter madness now we do not want to become another US satellite with all its problems of corporate greed in charge. Kill this now.
Mario Downes	Keep this a free country and not ruled at the hand of USA or overseas traders.
Marj Marks	I have found the whole TPPA process by the government to be secretive and biased. NZ is already very Americanised. Why is economic growth so important and having to be done with a suspiciously restrictive contract which appears to be weighted in the favour of large corporations? I believe the TPPA will take power away from the ordinary people who are in fact the ones who keep things ticking along. We are lucky to have the Treaty of Waitangi and lucky to be different from other countries. Joining the big club will not be in NZ'ers best interests. We have a way of life here, where we are endeavouring to improve our environment, to be there for each other and to live according to what is important to us as a nation of individuals, not to be a tiny cog within a "locked-in, no way out contract" controlled by the never-ending quest for money and power at all costs. This is a big boys game. They are not in the habit of listening to people's concerns or taking notice of them. As a New Zealander, born here, I do not wish to see what I consider to be a noose around our necks, put together by people with private agendas. It has long been known that in America, you can sue anyone who you think does something wrong. Why would we want to play that game? Nobody wins, everyone is too scared in case they get sued. Please don't think that we don't care, we do.
Chris Stuart	The Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) rules could be used to sue the government if increased emissions charges were levied under the Emissions Trading Scheme - or if the mining of fossil fuels was restricted in some way. The retention of low standards is an inevitability!

Susanne Koellner	I am a concerned grandparent how it is going to affect the younger generation, health been my main concern, I feel that we don't need to join the ttpa as the negative out weigh the positive benefits. New Zealand is my birth country which I am proud of and feel the government is loosing control of it if we join the ttpa, we have enough trade to keep our small country going, its greed that is going to pull us down.No To TPPA.
Jo Mae	We need to hold onto our own culture and values. A small voice when expressing heartfelt and important issues, can be very powerful. We can only help this planet by coming together on environmental issues, trade deals are very often contrary and harmful to what is truly important in the world today
Sian keith	I am against this agreement in its current form and strongly wish to see full scale presenting of the information and public consultation.
Hank Rebmann	If a deal has to be so secret as it had been during its negotiation process it can only mean one thing: VERY FISHY !! The correct answer: WALK AWAY !! I as a New Zealander don't want these corrupt practices legalised. End of !!
Innes Asher	The TPPA will lead to increased inequality in access to medicines, hitting the poor hardest. I object to TPPA leading to increased control of our country by overseas corporations.
Geri	TPPA should become abolished before it becomes finalised. It has already highlighted how little we still know about this agreement this far along due to the secrecy and non-transparent fashion in which our govt has gone about trying to push this all through. Restrictions on beneficial medicines and natural health items is of great concern to me as is the loss of our sovereignty and loss of our voice as a country to be listened to and then heard
Graeme Bagnall	There is nothing in the TPPA about climate change. Any attempt to limit climate change in NZ could open the Government up to lawsuits. The treatment of Maori rights under the Treaty of Waitangi gives no surety these rights will be honoured over any competing commercial organisation. Medicines will be more expensive and pharmaceutical companies will now make greater profits at the expense of consumers. The ISDS process will force Governments to be risk averse rather than taking the initiative to improve New Zealands future.
Patricia Curtis	I do not support the TPPA as it is falsely representing itself as a so-called trade agreement when it is no such thing. It is a corporate take-over of our country, politically, economically, environmentally. Our sovereignty is at stake and those with less will continue to have less because this agreement is only about securing more for those who have most. It's dishonest and immoral.
Kay Murray	I am deeply concerned that New Zealand is rushing to push through legislation and ratify a deal that other countries may well pull out of. None of the leading candidates in the US Presidential race supports the TPP. Opposition in other signatory countries is growing. I am deeply concerned that the TPP is driven by large transnational corporations. They want to control governments to ensure that nothing governments do prevents them from increasing their profits for shareholders and directors at the expense of the rest of us. These corporations want to make sure that the people who live in each country can not vote in a government that will place restrictions on corporations to protect our health or the environment or prevent inequality. I do not see how walking away from the TPP will in anyway harm our ability to trade with the other countries involved in the deal. There are so few concessions made to the products we trade and the time span is pushed out so far before they come into effect that any benefits would be far to far into the future to predict accurately. The world will look quite different in 2030 and 2040 to the way it looks today. I very strongly feel New Zealand should not ratify this deal. In my opinion TPP stands for Terrible for the People and the Planet. At the very least the government should hold a referendum to ascertain the will of the people of New Zealand before committing us to this deal.
Rebekah Brown	I believe that big corporations should not have power to tell us how to run our country, allowing them to be able to sue our government is crazy. How are we meant to improve as a country if our decisions have to be approved by big corporations that only care about making money not the good of the people. New Zealand should be looking after New Zealanders
David	No TPPA. We are still Nuclear Free NZ. Declare NZ a free state as Iceland did. Whatever it takes its time for NZ to no longer consent to being a corporation owned by corporations. A person who is not a piece of paper cannot be owned except by default. End citizenship. End sales of NZ property to those who do not live in NZ. End corporate crime a.s.a.p. Tell the truth to the people everywhere at once. No need to feel at risk of losing your lives or have those of your family threatened when we stand together.
Glen Rossiter	I don't agree with the National government's method of undermining our/my democracy. As a true Kiwi, I think I deserve the right to know "what's going on"...this information has been denied to me. Secrecy in politics causes revolution.

Liuaki Afemui	The people of NZ have the right to be included in important discussions that may affect our Treaty of Waitangi, our beautiful environment, potential loss of our sovereignty and our public health. It's not right not make crucial decisions about NZ without consent from the people of NZ who care and continue to nurture our NZ for our young generation.
Cath Smith	To be honest, it is very hard to explicitly identify why New Zealand/ Aotearoa should not be part of the TPPA. On reflection, that is exactly why I am opposed. Inherent in the paradigm of Democracy are principles of transparency, openness, honesty and above all what is good for the people, the environment, and the culture of your country- the common good. From the TPPA information I have been able to access, none of these principles of democracy apply. I see nothing in the TPPA to support the health, wealth and culture of our incredible nation. Under the TPPA, I see the health, wealth, and culture of other larger and more powerful nations prioritised and our beautiful land - our taonga, disregarded. Specifically, in this day and age, I would expect to see explicit reference to climate change and how the TPPA will address climate change through the agreement. I would expect to see transparent information about how this agreement would benefit or compromise the health of vulnerable New Zealanders. Above all, I want to know that our government hold the history, present day, and future of New Zealand and all New Zealanders, closet to their hearts.
Chanda Ripley	I just cant understand you the government are willing risk our futures for a deal that seems only to benefit the 1% . If there is even the smallest chance that our goverment may be sued and we the taxpayer will foot the bill why, would you want to take that risk what did we do to you our elected officials that would sign us up to that. With the recent events surrounding the keystone pipeline in the US it seems pretty clear that it isn't above these multi-national companies to take on the most powerfull goverment in the world. How could we NZ ever hope to take these guys on if their attention turn on us. I also want to draw attention to the underhanded way this deal was brokered. In a deal between Goverments for the benefit of the respective citizens why have the citizens not been informed through out the course of deliberations yet those who do actuall stand to profit were consulted every step of the way as expert advisors. Could we not afford independant advisors to advise the goverment . But the thing i object the most is for such an important thing that will effect all of us why are we not allowed to vote on it. Why are we able to vote on something that wont really effect us physically or financially ie changing our flag yet we cant vote on something that will affect us physically financially , each and everyone of us , with far reaching powers that we the population would have no way to defend against. What did i do to you that would make you do that to me?
Marjo	I would like NZ not to ratify the TPPA to preserve our unique culture, country and to keep our voice. Health care and medication is already expensive to many of us and I am concerned that the TPPA not only will make it more expensive, but is also going to limit our choices. We should be proud of NZ and all the enterprise and creative ideas that we have, and not give that away to those who do not know the culture of this beautiful unique country.
Dylan Lajunen	I am opposed to the TPPA trade deal because it is simply not worth it in my view. We are already as a nation being severely disadvantaged from Globalization and Corporations influence in government policy. The current government is not acting in the best interest of me as a voter and i disagree completely with giving the corporations more power to control myself and my fellow residents of New Zealand. I stand for a more fair country not one that is more difficult to live in because of new laws that make it harder for us to be an independent nation. I also demand far better laws regarding the environment and protection of our social structure and housing crises! We cannot afford to make it worse and this is what the TPPA will do for me and our people. It is obvious that pressure is coming directly from the USA and i think that we have had more than enough pressure from the USA! Thank you Dylan Lajunen
David Copisarow	Please consider the fact that secrete deals over 40,000 pages long are NOT free trade. Its not too late to stand up for the future generations. You can make a difference to protect our children from the coming tyranny that comes when we give up our rights for a unelected global government. Do the right thing for Humanity and New Zealand.
Jenny McLauchlan	Our family is deeply concerned that the Govt. of NZ deem it necessary to affiliate themselves with big greedy Corporations when we are ideally situated to be self-sufficient
John Fox	TPPA The lack of consultation with the public and the secrecy surrounding the TPPA negotiations and signing process, are very worrying, to say the least. A binding international agreement of this singular, magnitude and ongoing consequences, for every person in New Zealand as well as the other eleven countries involved should surely involve major dissussion and in fact a referendum by its citizens, for whom the Goverment is the trusted servant, before signing and agreement. Not only has the Government not promoted input and discussion, on the contrary has remained tight lipped and completely silent about the agreement, of what the benefits are, to tax payers and/or any negative consequences which may ensue. John Fox
Willem van der Linde	Corporate power and influence over the political process.

Brad Beveridge	I am disappointed with the way that the TPPA has been agreed upon in secret. If we can have a referendum to pick a new flag, surely we should have a referendum to decide if we wish to sell out on our values as New Zealand citizens.
Bev Rosevear-Kaho	My concern is that TPPA will boost the power of monopolies, negatively impact on the small business sector, and support the growing gap between rich and poor in New Zealand.
Gail	I disagree with the TPPA agreement, as I believe it is not in the best interests of the people. It is disempowering us as individuals. Giving pharmaceutical companies more power and burdening us with exorbitant prices is unacceptable. You are removing our democratic rights.
Geraldine Pene	I am deeply concerned about the implications of the TPPA on our food. Profits must not supersede the importance we place on quality. What is food quality? It includes but is certainly not limited to: sourcing local, organic produce from small operators who are able to collect and save their own seeds. Access to a wide variety of products that are non GMO and labelled accordingly. Access, as home gardeners, to non Monsanto seed. Food that has been made to nourish body and mind and not corporation's accounts. I am absolutely opposed to the TPPA. The impact on our food is just one of the reasons why I do not support the ratification of the TPPA here in New Zealand.
Lynn Ellis	NO, NO, NO, NO, NO
Gina	I do not believe that signing the TPPA is good for New Zealand and feel that as a nation we should say NO! I feel that the man and the powers behind him who sadly runs our country is not listening to the voices of New Zealanders on how we want our country run. I am worried that corporate giants will begin to take over our nation and have more of a say including the ability to sue us. I don not want New Zealand to be beholden to the United States, I do not want our democracy to be just a word we once used to represent us.
Joshua Hawkins	The tppa is an undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations)
Jess Paterson	I am so saddened that the treaty made in good faith over 150 years ago between those who were first and those who came later is yet again under threat. This, after all the work this country has done to re-look at the principles of the treaty and begin to honour it, working towards true bi-culturalism in this nation. We look to Australia in sadness and incredulity at their treatment of aborigines, yet passing the TPPA and thereby inviting international big business to hold the power in domestic and national matters of concern is taking the power from every people group within NZ- not just the indigenous. I would really like the government to know that nobody wants the TPPA! John Key is clearly out of touch with true New Zealanders and the fact that this trade deal has so few advantages and so many disadvantages. As an educated pakeha tax payer I no longer have any faith in the national government. I feel betrayed and disappointed that our democracy is such a facade and that what's left of our dignity and clean green image is set to be destroyed if we bow down to the requirements of the U.S.
Robyn	Corporate culture is not our culture. You have sold out
Katie Cleaver	The TPPA gives other countries more power over our political processes and government. Other countries who have THEIR own agendas that are not always in the best interests of New Zealanders. Stop the TPPA before NZ loses the ability to set and administer its own rules and justice for its own people
Teen	Our sovereignty, democracy and protection of Te Tiriti o Waitangi is at stake. And what i have ticked above i do not agree with the TPPA.
Brianna Moody	I wish I could also add "The loss of our sovereignty", "The threat to climate action and our environment", "The undermining of our democracy (i.e secret tribunals, secret negotiations)" and "Internet protections and Privacy."
Aroha	Dear Mr Key I think about how you grew up in a poor environment but yet you act as if you had a better life then other why are you doing what you are to our country please dismiss your self and LET MR JOHN CAMPBELL TAKE OVER i think he will be best suited for looking after our country "The rich get richer the poor get poorer"

Juanita	The TPPA has very little to do with FREE TRADE. the tpp treaty is basically a transfer of sovereign ownership from the LAND over to foreign corporations all govern'd by the FEDERAL RESERVE ie; make nz a colony of USA / FEDERAL RESERVE CORPORATION. but there's one FACT that the corporate elite are aware of. you can only claim UN-INHABIT'D LAND. Nu Tirani / Aotearoa has already been colonised by Hapu [Tangata Whenua] which means we are a Sovereign nation, recognised in INTERNATIONAL LAW. corporate governments exceed their LEGAL authority by force'n their de facto flag upon a Sovereign nation. this is an act of HIGH TREASON AGAINST THE SOVEREIGN.
Selwyn Tarawa	I feel this is just the beginning of what eventually Will become a new world order Yp.
Hamdy Messelhy, president of the general Trade Uni	we believe that TPPA should not be ratified in NZ. For the reasons selected above and for the benefit of the working class in these countries we recommend TPPA not to ratify on this treaty.
Korina	We just don't need other countries to make decisions for us. We as one can do it ourselves.
Stephen M Hilbourne	I believe many of our politicians don't fully comprehend what ,and how this could affect NZ long term
Gretchen Gee	New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand.
Rebecca	keep our world the way it is!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
shay cohen-syrkin	Don't let NZ's sovereignty and independence be sold down the river - our products will always be highly desirable and we don't need to get into bed with corporations and corrupt governments to do deals!
Clem Treanor	Maori are in danger of losing their sovereignty over their land. Maori have fought for many a year to regain their land, and this has happened, now Maori will have to fight all over again to retain their land. The government cannot guarantee the safety of Maori land once the TPPA agreement is ratified. The probable high cost of medicine means those who cannot afford it will suffer, people on low incomes and those on WINZ benefits will suffer, some, if not many will die. New Zealand will lose its sovereignty to the multi-national corporations, the government will be the puppets of these companies. This country will be run like a business without compassion for the less fortunate, money will be the god of this country, a god that I want no part of.
Tim Raemaekers	I am extremely concerned about extending the powers of corporations to sue governments in response to political decisions that are taken for the good of the nation, the world and its people as a whole, but that may limit the ability of a given corporation to make money. The ISDS is a pathway for those who are already wealthy to feather their nest at the expense of the tough but courageous decisions that need to be made for the world and New Zealand to have a decent future. The ISDS may result be severe consequences for climate and environmental legislation and subsequently our long term sustainable use of natural resources and climate management. I can't believe that for the promise of a few extra dollars now, we're seriously contemplating ceding our sovereignty to make our own laws to the USA and other nations who care little for the future of New Zealand.
Jill Whitmore	I believe that, just as the TPPA is being implemented in New Zealand in an anti-democratic manner, (with the text withheld for a long period so that the public were unable to view it, and no opportunity for the public to vote on it), the result of implementing this agreement will also be anti-democratic. Governance is not democratic unless it is transparent - this agreement is not transparent, and it contains multiple provisions for secrecy. I do not believe that it will be advantageous to New Zealand, since our government is already excessively beholden to big business interests and has become blind and deaf to the concept of governing "for the common good". This agreement is all about protecting the interests of big overseas corporations, which know nothing of the common good and have only their profits in mind.
Hirama Tamihana	TPPA is an acceptance to free trade but is at the expense of undermining the protection of our democracy to govern within the laws of our country that provide us safe gaards for our industry, employment oppurtunities, and utmost our sovereignty

Bloody hell it's been hard to figure out where I stand on the TPPA. For starters, I am all for barrier-free trade for New Zealand. What concerns me is that the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanisms NZ is agreeing to in the TPPA (Australia negotiated more controls over these) give multinational corporations too much influence over our government and our laws. And for too little in return - a piddly 0.9% extra in GDP by 2030, according to tppafacts.co.nz. My reading about the TPPA started with a paper issued by the NZ Institute of Economic Research, "ISDS and Sovereignty". Their conclusion was that, until the exact nature of the ISDS mechanisms in the TPPA are understood, it's hard to know whether, or to what extent, NZ sovereignty is threatened. Here's their paper: http://nzier.org.nz/static/media/filer_public/bc/21/bc21a5b2-3a6b-4ba2-8cf7-2f90fd5c6909/isds_and_sovereignty.pdf But this was the first flag for me that these ISDS things are important... On wider reading, it seemed that ISDS mechanisms have been creating something of a lawsuit land grab. According to an open letter from 100 NZ jurists, since the invention of ISDS, exponentially more lawsuits have been filed against governments around the world each year. As recently as 1999 only 69 disputes had been launched. Today, there are 370-plus such cases underway, an increase of 436%. Four specific examples that stood out to me... 1. Phillip Morris International is suing Australia for introducing plain packaging on cigarettes because it damages their profit margins. 2. Phillip Morris is also threatening the Togolese Republic and a bunch of other little African countries with lawsuits if they pass laws restricting the sale and promotion of tobacco products. These governments don't have a lot of money, and Phillip Morris are betting they'd rather avoid the enormous legal costs of being taken to court. These ISDS courts cost millions and millions to run. 3. A multinational called Veolia is suing Egypt for raising the minimum wage saying they would not have invested in Egypt if they had known about the minimum wage increase in advance. 4. TransCanada are suing the Obama administration using a ISDS mechanism through the trade agreement NAFTA. Get this: the lawsuit is for \$15 billion to compensate for the US government's decision to halt the Keystone XL pipeline due to concerns about the impact it would have on climate change. Now, in terms of where I'd like NZ to be in the future - I can see how government legislation to fight, say, childhood obesity or climate change, will (and should?) reduce the profits of big multinationals like McDonalds, Coca Cola, Shell and BP oil. For example, maybe down the line we want to ban all advertising of fast foods to children, as other countries have done. Boy would that hit Maccas in the chops. But with these ISDS mechanisms we're signing up for - McDonalds Corp could sue us. Sue us for passing laws to better look after our own kids in our own country. Grrrr. So this raises the question: how effectively will future NZ governments act in our best interests when they must constantly fear corporate lawsuits for doing so? And er... sorry, answering that question is beyond me. But if you look at a really litigious society like the USA, it seems their health and education sectors have been completely f***ed by all the scaredy-cat arse covering that comes from a chronic fear of litigation. Would that start to happen on a global level with TPPA governments? Dunno. These ISDS clauses in the TPPA are giving more corporations (at last count, 1608 in the US alone) greater legal power and recourse for arbitration, and where possible, they are already using ISDS clauses to bully and/or punitively punish those who get in their way. But so far not to NZ. Not yet. But does anyone trust these guys to play nice... forever? A group of 100 NZ legal beagles don't. One of the things I read that had a big impact on my stance on the TPPA was the open letter from 100 NZ jurists to the negotiators of the TPPA. The jurists include some very distinguished Kiwi legal minds. You can read the full letter and see the people behind it here: <https://tpplegal.wordpress.com/open-letter/> Here's an excerpt... Remember, these are 100 legal experts, including retired judges. "We have diverse views about the TPP generally. However, we are united in our view that the foreign investor protections included in some recent Free Trade Agreements (FTA) and Bilateral Investment Treaties (BIT) and their enforcement through Investor-State arbitration should not be replicated in the TPP. We base this conclusion on concerns about how the expansion of this regime threatens to undermine the justice systems in our various countries and fundamentally shift the balance of power between investors, states and other affected parties in a manner that undermines fair resolution of legal disputes. We are encouraged to note that the Government of Australia has said it is unwilling to submit to Investor-State dispute settlement powers under a TPP and other future trade agreements, and urge the TPP negotiators to exclude the Investor-State system for all countries, not just Australia." That was two years ago, and sadly, the exclusion of the ISDS system didn't happen. Now that the agreement has been released, we know that under TPPA, the decisions of our domestic courts can be challenged under ISDS and there is no system of precedent and no appeal. Woah! Again, this seems to give enormous powers to multinational corporations. And again I wonder - how responsible will they be with this power once we grant it to them? Now, I've just read the National Party's Fact Check list here: <http://www.tppfacts.nz/> - but it doesn't say anything about ISDS. Nrrrr!!!! Here's another fact sheet, this time from Action Station: <http://tppafacts.co.nz/> - there are more details about ISDS here. Meanwhile, the European Parliament is negotiating a TPPA-style free-trade deal with the US, but has absolutely ruled out ISDS. Gianni Pittella, the leader of the S&D group in the European Parliament, said "ISDS is dead. It must be replaced by a new public and transparent system of investment protection, in which private interests cannot undermine public policy and which is subject to public law." Here's an article about it: <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/global-europe/european-parliament-backs-ttip-rejects-isds-316142> LASTLY - here's the biggie (if anyone is still reading). Supporters of the TPPA tell us it will add \$2.7 billion to NZ's GDP by 2030. Which sounds great! But according to tppafacts.co.nz, real GDP was already projected to increase by 47% without TPPA. So that's a rise of 0.9% and - oh sweet baby cheesles - that doesn't sound like much at all. Does it? I mean, if it was more (5% maybe?), then I guess it could be worth giving those 1,608 multinationals in the US (let alone the

	<p>multinationals based in the other countries) their own special court to sue our arses... but for a meagre 0.9% in GDP!!!!?? Are you fricken kidding me? If you're a multinational corporation - holy cow this deal is AMAZING! - but first they have to dress it up as something good for us. But it's not. So I'm calling it. Based on what I can get my hands on... TPPA is a swindle. That's why I'm going to the protest. PS> News just in... Japan's top minister, Mr Akira Amari, also Japan's leading TPPA negotiator, resigned today amidst corruption allegations - it's alleged he took bribes from the construction industry. (http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35427563). If the allegations are proven to be correct, that means Japan's main negotiator of the TPPA is corrupt, which legitimately begs the question of whether he has taken bribes in his TPPA negotiating capacity as well.</p>
Trinity-rose	How can you know what's best for a country when you do not listen to its people, when you do not understand its culture?. power should be handed to someone who cares and loves our homeland, because you look after what you love and care for.
Rachael	I refuse to become a cog in a system that has no regard for the people. I will not stand by while New Zealand becomes even more Americanised.
Vaughan Jones	USA wants the power to do to New Zealand and Japan what I did to Haiti. See www.grazinginfo.com > Political > Haiti. Vaughan Jones 37 Ellerslie Avenue Chedworth Hamilton 3210 Ph + 64-7-853-7555 Vaughan@GrazingInfo.com www.grazinginfo.com
Elizabeth (Barb) Thomas	It is with significant support of any action group that rejects TPPA negotiations and signings by our NZ government that I pledge allegiance. I am disturbed by the fact that we everyday NZers are being placed in 'bondage' by corrupt and greedy politicians and corporations that in the end only benefit there own. This will have devastating effect on my future generations and I'm willing to fight and reject this process as long as it may take. I do not want to be owned or beholding to people who have no respect for NZ ways, culture or needs.
Wayne Costar	The TPPA is a step further on the downward spiral society is on. Our national debt a has soared, people are having trouble feeding their children. All this does is cement in place policies that further disempower Joe average in favour of corporate greed.
Sue Wilson	This agreement is not actually about trade but about power over our nation. New Zealand does not need coporate power over our political and social process.
Zane Coffey	The TPPA is not good for our nation. To put profits over people is wrong!
Susi Newborn	My main concern is the loss of our nationhood when corporate power and influence through the ISDS can influence our political process and change laws through secret processes we have no say over. We have already seen an example of this when Warner Bros exerted pressure on our government to change employment laws overnight in order for them to film The Hobbit in New Zealand.
Wendy Risdon	NZ must remain a democracy where profits are not put ahead of the environment and community health and well being. The TPPA makes NZ vulnerable to the power and greed of the big corporations who will control everything including the water and the land . Future generations will not thank us for selling ourselves of and giving away our sovereign rights.
Teresa Weir	The reasons I am against the signing of the TPPA It scares me about what is already happening in other Countries with this deal. Big fossil Fuel companies could sue our Government. I feel this is a bid for a Giant Corporate takeover and our rights to choose how we want this Country run will go out the door. New Zealand does not need this deal..
Sachiyo Baird	we don't have a right to vote for signing TPPA even many people in NZ are against it. plus we don't know anything about what the goverment signed for.
Messini Palace	It worries me that foreign corporates can invest in our country and have a say in how we are governed. It worries me that our resources can be sold forever to overseas corporations. It worries me that Maori sovereignty is totally undermined and potentially disregarded. It worries me that our health system will become even more unaffordable. It worries me that our privacy can become corporate or government knowledge.
Susan Hatten	The vast majority of people in NZ do not want our laws written and challenged by corporations. This is not democracy when the peoples voices are not heard or listened to. We do not want Corporates running our country. People and environment come before profit. Stop this sell out of NZ. Stop the government corruption by international corporate giants. Save NZ from the vultures. Keep our clean green image. Don't sell NZ out. Please save NZ. Kia ora

jonas te aho	We don't want the tppa on our shores. The rest of the world wants what we already have.... clean air, water, lifestyle and a steady economy. The corporate powers are not welcome here. We live in a free country lets keep it that way!
Christian Cole	The effect it will potentially have on choices for health products and medicines.
Nick Eichler	I am a public health doctor, and I oppose the ratification of the TPPA in its current form. While free trade is an important source of wealth and health in the modern world, the TPPA is not just a free trade agreement. From a health perspective, there are three major impacts of the TPPA about which I am concerned. First, the ISDS provisions. While the National Party asserts that there is a strong tobacco "carve-out", independent analysis has highlighted many ongoing risks to public health related to tobacco (see https://blogs.otago.ac.nz/pubhealthexpert/2015/12/21/the-trans-pacific-partnership-treaty-and-tobacco-no-cause-to-celebrate/), as it is still a good that is protected under other TPP provisions and as such it is not adequately protected from dispute processes from other states. There are also many other health-harming substances and processes which have not been addressed, such as alcohol and sugar-sweetened beverages. Second, PHARMAC will absolutely be affected. This agency is the best in the world at what it does, a model for emulation and a target for pharmaceutical companies upset by its monopsony. We have been told that the cost of medicines will not increase for the consumer (i.e. the \$5 copayment will remain constant), but we know that the overall cost of medicines will increase, and who else but the consumer (via taxes) will pay for this? There is no guarantee that PHARMAC's funding will increase to compensate for increased medicine costs stemming from increased data exclusivity and our weakened negotiating stance, so PHARMAC will be meeting this increased spending out of its already stretched budget, forgoing other areas of need. Third, the TPPA is an antidote to the Paris Agreement. We need the ability to freely legislate against carbon emitting industry, and to treat the clean technology sector with preference through subsidies. It is a natural fact that weaning ourselves from emitting processes is discriminatory against some industries and countries, however this is necessary for meeting our obligations under the Paris agreement and doing our fair part towards preventing a greater than 1.5 degree rise in average temperature. To conclude, the TPPA has multiple avenues through which the health of our people and the people of the world is put at risk. In its current form, ratification would be grossly irresponsible, given the obligation for government to safeguard and enhance the health of its people.
Teena Lawrence	I am opposed to the TPPA, as this will affect the future of my children, and grandchildren. New Zealand is currently considered a Free country, and we should not be ruled by another country because of an agreement... I like to grow my own vegetables, and use natural medicine, as the food that is currently available is highly processed, and making our bodies very sick. So if this is the governments way of population control and greedy wealth creation, then we don't want it. It's not in the best interest of the people. We want to be free. We have too much country debt already. Americans are crooks, and backward thinking, and only interested in war, and money.
Marjorie Wright	In the case of climate change, we can have the greatest impact on the health care of our planet and it should be our number one priority. When we have Corporate powers e.g. Trans-Canada seeking billions in compensation from the US government for non approval of their pipeline, which goes against the US efforts to manage climate control, why would NZ even consider to get in the same waka and be potentially subject to similar situations? This possibility under TPPA or ISDS gives Corporate control over Governments and nations. A free trade make over. ..thanks but No Thanks!
Deborah Robb	I know the National Government has the numbers to ratify the TPP. But they do not have the moral authority to do so as a majority of New Zealanders are concerned about its future effects on our country. It is another example of how this morally bankrupt regime runs on numbers not ethics or principles. I call them a regime because they are in power due to dirty deals and that is how they run the country and what they do to our environment. I refute my Prime Minister's claim that I am 'confused' or part of a 'rent a mob' for protesting against the TPP. I am a tertiary qualified grandmother who closely follows politics and current affairs - and I can clearly see what effect he and his cronies have had on the country I love in the years they have been in power. I care about equality of opportunity for all New Zealanders and the environment in equal measure and the TPP, will further erode both.
Rachael Moore	Do not ratify as I don't want corporate needs to be put above the NZ public interest and our democratic processes Particularly in medical and environmental areas.

	<p>I am concerned about the loss of sovereignty implicit in the contentious ISDS Investor State Dispute mechanisms in the TPPA. These provisions ensure that foreign investors hold undue power and can make it difficult if not impossible for member countries to place limits on corporate activity in order to protect the environment or to protect public health and wellbeing. I note that in Europe it is now proposed to do away with ISDS provisions in new agreements in favour of an Investment Court System that is accountable, transparent and subject to democratic principles. European Union Commissioner Cecilia Malstrom has urged this concept and stressed that these courts should have judges, with qualifications comparable to those found in national domestic courts, or in international courts such as the International Court of Justice . Her proposal would at least ensure that conflicts between domestic interests and those of foreign investors are resolved transparently. Why is New Zealand prepared to ratify an Agreement which contains a dispute resolution procedure which is already out of date in international terms?? I do not believe that the TPPA is in New Zealand's interest in any respect and have seen no evidence that it will do anything to improve the well-being of ordinary citizens- it will do nothing to improve the glaring problems of child poverty and growing inequality in our society. The huge outpouring of public concern suggests that my concerns are widely shared and confirms that the TPPA has no democratic mandate. Also – the judges will be publicly appointed in advance. And, like in courts, you won't be able to choose which judges hear your case. Furthermore, we will guarantee there is no conflict of interest. Again, like in domestic and international courts, the judges won't be able to continue any activities which might interfere with their judicial functions. Finally, I want to introduce an Appeal Tribunal. Just like in domestic legal systems and the World Trade Organization. Such a Court should actually enshrine governments' right to regulate.</p>
Maire Leadbeater	<p>The TPPA is an invasion of our democracy, rotting it from the core. I am concerned for the whole country. I have concern for the environment which I believe will suffer under the pressure from co-orporations set on profiting form the natural world paying no heed to the environmental costs of such endeavours. I have concern for the privacy of the people as gv surveillance will increase beyond a place where I feel it is already an invasion of our privacy. In a country where leaders are clearly corrupt the TPPA puts in more power in the hands of some of the major corruptors, and less power in the hands of the people of new zealand. It undermines the treaty of Waitangi which is the founding document for this set of islands, this in turn I am sure will have negative impact on the peoples of this land as well as the land itself. The political system now seems far from being a system which is working for the people of this country, this needs to change so we can all feel part of a shared vision of NZ, the TPPA signing will only serve to cause more separation, disparity and despair to those who recieve no care from the very people who were elected to care. This is a political abomination, terrorism in the form of neglectful selfish self serving government intent on destroying the very foundations and beauty which is New Zealand.</p>
Elisabeth Fink	<p>My main reason for opposing the signing of the TPPA is the loss of new Zealander"s freedom to make economic and political choices that are in the interest of the people of this country. We are already subjected to secret negotiations, it would be a tragedy to loose more of our political and economic freedom and independence to pursue what is important and advantageous for our country.</p>

	I am deeply concerned about the TPPA. For a start off, NZ has not been consulted. This agreement binds us to significant changes that impact who we are as people. It has the potential to radically change NZ. I firmly believe NZ is THE lucky country, for no other fact than we are a relatively isolated island with a small population. That has blessed us with an incredible environment, a wonderful attitude and assets that are the envy of the world over. We produce some of the world's finest products, in particular from the primary sector. Contrast this to the likes of China and the US. Customers are prepared to pay a significant premium for NZ goods, because NZ is viewed as pure and clean. Listen to and feedback when travelling about how our country is viewed. We trade on this premium. Additionally, we have a reputation for thought leadership. Rutherford, a boy from Nelson, split the atom. We were the first to give women the right to vote. We stood up for humanity during South Africa's apartheid days and we said no to nuclear. These things are not one off incidents. They deeply reflect NZ. I work for a highly regarded professional services firm. We attract a lot of incredible talent from all over the world. When you talk to them why they shifted to NZ the answer is always similar. That it is a safe and natural place to live. A great place to bring up kids. It is peaceful. It is healthy. NZ is a leader. I see a future for NZ that does not involve us being like everyone else. I see a future for NZ that has us leveraging the incredible assets we have. We should be leveraging a niche, fledgling organic food industry that is in a position to change a premium against a backdrop of franken-foods and pollution. We should be encouraging more visitors, but we should not be selling our underlying assets to them. We should be maintaining our pristine environment. We should be investing in alternative, high value sectors that are clean and green, such as technology. We should not be putting all our eggs in the speculative and dirty dairy industry. However, no matter what my views are, signing up to the TPPA undermines our ability to have these discussions and determine our own future. For example, if NZ did decide to set aside GE free zones, regardless of your opinion of GE, then the TPPA enables foreign corporations to prevent that. If NZ decided that we don't want nuclear power plants here, will international nuclear power companies sue us? Additionally, we signed a binding treaty with Maori for coexistence in this paradise. As per the official findings of the Waitangi Tribunal, Maori did NOT cede sovereignty to the crown. They must be consulted. This was their country before we arrived. We must honour our obligations to discuss where we are going together. This has not been done. Instead the TPPA was signed in haste with no consultation whatsoever. I am deeply opposed to the TPPA AND the process this government has taken. The various polls and the protest marches show that this is the biggest issue we have faced in decades, yet there seems to be significant resistance to any form of consultation with the people. NZ is a democracy, not a dictatorship and I strongly implore the government to listen to its people and adopt a more consultative approach.
Edwin Dando	
Geoffrey David oLeary	I want a government that represents the people of this country NOT the corporations of this country or others from off shore. We the people are waking up to the scam !!
Mary Gregory	The loss of our sovereignty, and the impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi..
Merryn Dunmill	Our democracy is already seriously eroded at the hands of this government. TPPA will profoundly exacerbate this as our politicians of the day become hamstrung by corporate greed on an international level....beyond what even exists today. Shame on you National government for not consulting, for being secretive and underhanded and for, yet again, denying us our democratic rights.
Helena Hutchinson	To the Select Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade As a New Zealander I would like to make a submission on the TPPA. First of all, I am extremely concerned that such a far reaching treaty has been negotiated in secret so that most New Zealanders do not know the ramifications of the document. If New Zealand ratifies the treaty, informed academics have stated some possible consequences for New Zealand's sovereignty over areas such as public health, the environment, and worker's rights. The Investor State Disputes Settlement mechanism of the TPPA gives multinational corporations the right to sue the government if our national decisions do not serve their interests. An example is OceanaGold, a Canadian-Australian mining corporation which is demanding that the government of El Salvador pay millions in 'reparations' for rejecting OceanaGold's proposal for a goldmine. Reputable doctors say that Pharmac, which enables citizens to access affordable drugs, may well be a casualty of the TPPA if the pharmaceutical multinationals are permitted to override Pharmac's decisions. Finally, the financial benefits of belonging to the TPPA are minuscule if MFAT modelling predictions are to be believed. The rise in GDP by 2030 is expected to be by 47% and the TPPA will add 0.9% to this figure. So, what are we trading away by signing the TPPA? Respectfully submitted Helena Hutchinson B.A. Dip.Lib
Sian Clement	Our government is there for the people. The TPPA in no way works for the benefit of the people. It destroys our democratic processes and looks after big corporations. And it is a big threat to the internet,
sacha stevenson	This TTP has been sold to the NZ people without the information needed to make a proper informed decision. The fact that corporations were invited to negotiations and not the public is a big red flag. At the very least, ratification should be made/dismissed by the people of NZ by way of a referendum. Kind regards S Stevenson

Judy Reinken	The expectations from a 'free-trade' stance have not been fulfilled. The process of doing something that doesn't work and then responding by doing more of it is flawed. If it doesn't work try stopping doing it. For our future we need to be more self-sufficient. We need to reduce our expectations for ever-increasing depth of consumption and turn to productive activity. Where we do need to belong to the world community is in sharing of intellectual goods, knowing how to make the things we need. In very few areas can we not do this. One of them is pharmaceuticals. Here and now we have a free market, we can purchase our medicines from the cheapest provider. That's free trade. But the TPPA would compromise that. Without a trade agreement other peoples will still buy what we want to sell if we are the lowest price. If we are not because they impose tariffs, fine. We can produce other things or sell our goods to others. If we want to protect our own import-substitution efforts we can do the same. We can even forbid imports of destructive or dangerous goods.
Janine McVeagh	I am writing to beseech you, our representatives, not to ratify the TPPA for the following reasons: the threat of climate change is very real and is already affecting many places around the globe. Our country agreed to do its part in reducing carbon emissions and other impacts on the global climate. This egregious agreement has the real potential to undermine any efforts that we as a nation might wish to make. For example, the government has already granted many prospecting licences for oil, mainly off-shore. These companies, under the ISDS, have the right to sue us should they wish to drill and we are mindful of our obligations to limit carbon emissions. Not only is this a direct threat to our local environment and the global climate, but it is in contravention to our ability to make our own decisions. The paragraph which mentions the Treaty of Waitangi is contradictory: on the one hand it requires government to give effect to Maori kaitiakitanga, yet it also allows for exemption to that. This is a seriously flawed agreement, one which will have far-reaching negative impacts on our collective future, on our sovereignty and not least on our and the global environment. Janine McVeagh, Rawene
Kathleen Lauderdale	I am opposed to the TPPA agreement for all the reasons stated above (more than 3). I do not believe continuing in the same way we have with broken sharemarkets and commodities platforms is possible for either the people or the planet. Our Government should be seeking true "free trade" without involvement of Corporations at least and spending energy on developing alternatives to the current unsustainable plans.
Kathleen C Newlands	It is not democratic, written for big corporations to give them more power. If we want to change our laws to protect our people, NZ can be sued. It does not protect our environment. It is an evil agreement and will not protect everyday New Zealanders and our future as we want it.
Siobhan Lehnhard	To whom it may concern, Please accept my submission regarding ratification of the TPPA. As a registered nurse I am strongly against ratification of the TPPA as it is currently written. The potential impact of this agreement in regards to health has not been fully examined at this stage and thus ratification appears premature. I am also concerned about the potential effects of the TPPA on New Zealand's ability to take action on climate change. Climate change is the single most important health issue globally, and as a nurse I feel it is my duty to this country and to my patients to speak out against ratification of any agreement that has the potential to interfere with the ability of the New Zealand government to address this issue. Finally I feel that this agreement represents a threat to our sovereignty. New Zealanders have been given no evidence that larger more economically powerful countries will not be able to take punitive action against New Zealand when our rights conflict with their profits, and potentially interfere with our ability to govern ourselves. Thank you for your consideration on these points. Siobhan Lehnahr

	<p>I am a New Zealander of somewhat advanced years and spent much of my life as an expatriate living and working in one party states; South Africa under Verwoerd, Saudi Arabia under Abdul Aziz, Zambia under Kaunda and Oman under Qaboos. I also had involvement in the Rhodesian war plus a front seat, literally, in Gulf War One. The point I wish to make is I'm familiar with the rhetoric that emanates from governments of this ilk and their efforts to distract confuse or control the populace so their agendas may be advanced or privilege maintained... including having my house raided by security personnel. Granted there is much historical baggage amongst the countries I have given, but all these countries were either supported by, or cajoled and encouraged by the West towards the democratic model in one way or another. As a New Zealander I was somewhat smugly satisfied we were a shining example to these benighted states with our once more open and transparent political processes. But no more. Since returning to NZ in 1996 I have witnessed a disturbing and accelerating shift towards the fascist state if one accepts Mussolini's definition of fascism as an alliance of state and corporate interests. We have seen the concept of privacy destroyed, the destruction of the ability of citizens to group together to advance or protect their interests, and an on-going blitz of disinformation and spin as substitute for meaningful dialogue. It is of great concern that the ultimate sovereignty of the people is being usurped by an increasingly totalitarian political system. The hallmark of totalitarian governments is secrecy... and the secrecy of the TPPA negotiations goes far beyond that of normal commercial interests; secrecy is the handmaiden of deceit. The fact that only three or four of the TPPA chapters deals directly with trade matters i.e. the passage of goods across border begs the question the intent of the other 27 or so chapters. Parliament has become a shell in which two mediocrities act out a triennial farce of hollowed out democracy behind the façade of 'party politics.' If true democracy is to be saved in our country government must hold a binding referendum prior enactment of any TPPA legislation. Binding referenda places sovereignty directly in the hands of citizens where it ultimately belongs, not in parliament. Citizens demand that ultimate insurance to protect true democracy. As an ex farmer I have a good understanding of the need for export trade and have no difficulty supporting trade agreements that ARE trade agreements. The anticipated GDP gains from TPP, as stated by government, barely track above the historical growth line, yet obligations under the agreement, as pointed out by many expert, impartial and respected commentators, both in NZ and the US, are nebulous and couched in weasel terms providing no security for my country, but security for legions of lawyers. Parliament must have the ability to over rule any provision of the TPPA in the national interest and that ability must be unequivocal. Parliament is out of control and thousands of our citizens have taken to the streets in protest. It's said, if government does not permit peaceful change then it is not a democracy. Howard Zinn (the historian) also said 'protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it.'</p>
Geoffrey Waring	<p>I believe the TPPA to be the wrong decision for our country. We're sacrificing long term profits for short term gains, and giving up a stunning level of our sovereignty as we do so. The ISDS alone is testament to that. Further, the lack of public consultation means the country never had a chance to think through all the issues and their consequences, and have our democratic input into issues which will affect us all for generations. I am extremely concerned about most of the issues covered in the agreement including: - loss of sovereignty - threat to climate change action and our environment - internet privacy, data sovereignty, protection and related issues - copyright - Treaty of Waitangi - open and transparent government - ISDS - costs of public health care - corporate influence over politics. I understand that free trade deals are often negotiated, at least in terms of the finer points, in secret. The TPPA is, however, far bigger and more wide-reaching than a normal FTA - to directly compare the two is disingenuous at best. I urge our leaders not to make promises which could damage us all for decades or more to come. At least, not without our express permission.</p>
aimee whitcroft	<p>Government, as representative of the people, should act in the people's best interest. The interests of corporations often collide with the public interest. The public interest should remain paramount and not be potentially undermined by the TPPA. The health of our environment, the aspirations of the Maori people, and the health of future generations should all be given more weight in decision-making than should the health of trans-national corporations. Our country does not have the economic might to stand up to the demands of international corporations, once those rights are enshrined in our laws.</p>
Jeremy Evans	<p>This has been done in great secrecy. I want transparency about this agreement. I am one of the tens of thousands who oppose this 'partnership', from all I have read and understood about it, it means that multi-nationals can sue us at will for making decisions about our own country. Our medicines will go up ofcourse, nobody trusts Key to tell the truth, or any of his ministers for that matter. I refuse to accept this agreement. Not in my name.</p>
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Wendy Jones	I want to see this country in a truly clean, green state, not the polluted mess it has become, where public health is the last thing on governments agenda. Ratifying the TPPA will make it even more difficult to achieve a pesticide, herbicide, artificial fertiliser, GMO free country that is actually safe for us to live in. I'm fed-up with all the crap that masquerades as food in this country. I am struggling with health problems caused by the medical professions overuse of antibiotics and not always having access to uncontaminated food does not improve things. I submit that it is way past time that "our" government listened to what the public actually want and need and stop beating their own drums. I always thought a democratic government was one that acted for the people. John Key just proves how wrong I am.
Brendan John Thompson	I object to all of the TPPA, but especially the provisions that undermine our democracy, sovereignty, and security. I see no reason to give up our rights in order to gain a mere \$2.5Billion in several years time, and even that is a maybe... The entire process has been shrouded in secrecy, refutations and deceptions. This is not democracy. This is not New Zealand. It IS fascism. It IS elitism. Even promoters of this 'deal' admit health costs will increase and we will be at risk of being sued every time we pass a law. Corporations already have FAR too much power, far more than is healthy for democracy, and this 'deal' only gives them more. It is wrong on every level, and I say it constitutes at least a dereliction of duty from our politicians, and maybe even constitutes a form of Treason. It is a corporate power grab, plain and simple, and those rushing it through without public knowledge or mandate are traitors.
Brian Fyfe	Who would make a treaty with The US given the outcome of past treaties to the parties. note also the body language of Secretary of state as he prevaricates and backs and fills while telling the present "Truths" about the Ukraine Syria Iraq Libya Et.al. Are we walking The World to the final extinction of the human race??
Danielle Calder	I am opposed to the TPPA because 1. negotiations have been secret and the public has not had the opportunity to weigh in, and 2. because it violates the Treaty of Waitangi. If we live in a democratic society, then we as the people of Aotearoa have the right to know everything. The government are our speakers, not people who make decisions for us without consulting us! The way that the TPPA has been negotiated is undemocratic, and we still don't know what is involved. We will not know everything until it is signed - this is entirely undemocratic and violates our rights. The Treaty of Waitangi is a vital document and there has not been adequate consultation with Maori groups. If the government wants to show that they actually value Maori sovereignty and 'walk the walk', then they need to consult with more Maori groups - and listen to them!
Malinda Pali	Do not take away our rights!
Kerren black	we dont need the tppa full stop and not allowing public vote is against new zealanders rights come on government for a change put what the majority of folk want --which is NO TPPA
Jack Grabham	For what National says will be a \$2.7 billion increase to GDP by 2030 this is not worth the risks. Statistics NZ says there are currently 3,600,000+ of working age in NZ. Their \$2.7 billion works out at under \$800 each BEFORE EBITDA removes most of that. And we still get the risks. Just not in the interests of NZ.
Linda Harrison	It is just bizarre in this age of supposed transparency of governments and their decisions, on our behalf, that this entire agreement is done in secrecy. How can people not be nervous, confused and suspicious? One cannot even marry behind locked doors and yet this union of multiple countries and corporations is signing an agreement "for life" behind locked doors!
Kevin Dunn	The loss of our sovereignty
emma williams	I do not agree with the TPPA!
Sarah Langi	I am strongly opposed to NZ signing the TPPA. This is not a trade deal, it threatens our sovereignty and erodes our democracy. It gives way too much power to big corporations: they can sue our government for making new laws that protect NZers, e.g. the tobacco companies suing the Australian government over plain packaging for cigarettes, like in America, over the Keystone pipeline. It will affect our medicines, our food, and our farming. The fact that it was negotiated in secret is alarming: is democracy gone? Why do we have a referendum for a flag but not for something that threatens the very fabric of our society. TPPA, NO WAY.

	<p>Dear Members of the Committee, I make this statement as a citizen of Aotearoa New Zealand, a migrant from the United States who moved to this country to start and raise a family in a place that is more democratic, more fair, more humane, more healthy, more sustainable and more caring towards all members of society. I stand firmly opposed to the TPPA as a positive contributor to this society, as a voter, and as a human being. This is not a "trade" agreement and I urge the Government to stop framing it as such. It is a formula for further redistributing power and money to already hyper-powerful multinational corporations. How else can you explain the fact that hundreds of corporate lobbyists and representatives were not only privy to the texts, but instrumental in crafting and negotiating them...for years...while politicians, civil society and citizens were not? You can't sweep this under the rug after the fact, or justify it by saying that's how things have been done in the past. I'm deeply concerned about the threat the TPPA makes to the absolute necessity of taking strong climate action and protecting our environment. It's insulting to hear the government say that New Zealand is unlikely to be sued. The US is being sued by an oil company, Germany is being sued by a nuclear power company, Australia is being sued by a tobacco company. If it's not going to happen, why should we give away this fundamental right to thousands of companies, who could at any point claim their profits have been damaged by New Zealand policy, law or practice? The government says that ISDS is about protecting New Zealand's interests overseas -- so are we to assume that New Zealand companies should be happy about the right to sue other governments for trying to protect their environments and the health of their citizens? I cherish the fact that New Zealand is far more democratic than the US. Multiple political parties with actual representation in government, the ability for ordinary people to have more of a say in the decisions that affect them -- it's a stark contrast to the winner takes all disenfranchisement of the US. Why would we cede to the US our democracy, our power, and our ability to let New Zealanders make decisions that are good for us? We should not. John Key's starstruck obsession with Obama and all things US is utterly disheartening. The New Zealand Government's infatuation with unregulated capitalism is driving the country towards a world where the rich get richer, the rest are left to cope with the scraps, and humanity and the environment are all worse off. We can do better than this. Scrap the TPPA. I didn't build a life for myself and my whanau here in Aotearoa only to see the country copy the injustice and divisiveness of the US. Will we create a better world for our children, or trade their futures for short-term profits for the few? I hope, for all our sake, that you choose the former. From one human being to another, with respect... Jason Garman</p>
Jason Garman	You have not been open with the public of New Zealand. You do not have a mandate to pass this into law.
Christine Jorgensen	The whole deal that seems to be rushed through and with little information is clouded with uncertainty. Why had a trade agreement with only a small portion directly with trade. With all the protest around the world it would seem foolish to jump into this without knowing what it is all about.
Nathan McNamara	I'd like answers to the following list of my concerns with the TPPA: Investors Rights 1. Innovation. The threat of action by aggressive overseas investors to protect their perceived rights, will dampen New Zealand's innovation, investment and employment. 2. Resources available by overseas investor countries, groups and companies far outweighs those available to New Zealand. How will we fund the defence against aggressive investor action. 3. Legal. Entrusting disputes resolution to overseas panels, taking it away from the New Zealand legal system, without appeal, weakens New Zealand's legal system. 4. Competition. Will the competitive playing field become less level and in favour of large players? Economic Benefits to New Zealand What is the projected balance of the following amounts to 2030: 1. GDP \$2.7 billion benefit 2. Investor Rights legal defence costs 3. Reduced earnings due to Investor Rights impact on New Zealand's innovation & investment 4. The cost of TPP compliance Democracy Other TPP countries ratify the agreement by a full parliamentarian process. 1. Is it undemocratic to limit New Zealand's ratification to a minority government decision? Environment Our environment is an increasingly important part of New Zealander's prosperity and wellbeing. What TPP risks management plan do we have in place to mitigate against: 2. Introduction of Nuclear Power 3. Maintaining good water quality 4. Introduction of GMO 5. Over fishing 6. Endangering tourism from destruction of New Zealand's great outdoors Public Health 1. What are the benefits of the TPP to New Zealand public? 2. What is the TPP cost to the tax payer for: • Increased public health costs because of • Reduced bulk purchasing power of PHARMAC • delayed availability of generic medicine • lack of treatment due to unaffordable medicine 3. Compliance with the new PHARMAC review process Submission Given the important and long term nature of this agreement, and the above type of unanswered questions in the public mind, I submit that the ratification of the TPPA be expanded to the full New Zealand government, including all parties that represent all New Zealanders.
Erwin	

Laila Harre	First, I wish to express my disappointment at this wholly inadequate process. Whatever ideological position the Government or TPPA supporters hold, it is clear that the Agreement has constitutional implications for New Zealand (by placing constraints and/or direct financial costs on regulation) and that these implications have not been the subject of informed public discussion. Second, the current position of the Government - that standing alone in rejecting the agreement at this point would be detrimental to NZ's interests, is extremely deceptive. NZ has not been forced to the table by the other 11 nations. Previous governments and this one set the table. For those of us who have held long standing concerns with the entrenchment of investor rights, there is now a sense of futility. Third, the Agreement can only get worse. At what point, if any, will the Government resist the inevitable demands of the US Congress who will clearly not ratify the TPPA as it is? I would like to endorse the submissions of expert critics of the agreement, specifically Jane Kelsey. I am sure I can't add anything of particular value - just my voice and my ongoing right to use it.
violet thomas	Undermining of our demoracy
Lolina Whitney	Please don't take away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. Please don't put corporate interests ahead of urgent priorities like climate change, affordable medicines, internet freedom, quality jobs, social justice Please don't allow foreign companies to sue us for taking measures to protect the environment or public health in ways that damage their profits Please don't give foreign investors special rights not available to New Zealanders and a guarantee that government won't restrict foreign purchases of residential homes and land or control of key sectors Please don't bind New Zealand governments to a pro-corporate agenda for the indefinite future, in violation of our democracy, sovereignty and the Treaty of Waitangi.
Darren Hiller Smith	As far as I can tell this treaty ,if ratified, opens all people living within the borders of the member states to a new inhumane, corporate based ideology and technocratic life form whose only purpose is profit and ownership. There is no mention of informed choice, debate, due care or diligence of natural law, compassion or indeed human rights. When these soulless entities make decisions that effect human life and our habitat where is the counter balance and legal structure for protection and redress if required. Although severely depleted at present, our existing legal process offers some feedback mechanisms that ensure the rights of people and other living systems can be protected and exist without corporate interference. I will not support the further erosion of my civil liberties in order for the few moronic and selfish business creatures to exist at the expense of all other life forms.
Alistair Gibb	This is not a free trade agreement. It contains free trade text but it is not the main content of the agreement. This is being forced on us and the voting publics concerns are being pushed aside
Helena McMullin	The public has the right and need to better understand the terms and impact of this treaty before it is ratified. Opposition in the US and elsewhere indicates multiple Internet / privacy related issues, and deep concern about corporate entities driven by profit and shareholder returns influencing the political sphere and detracting from the public good.
Roimata Macgregor	Select Committee for the TPPA. I am writing to voice my absolute concern regarding the ratification of this Trade Agreement. I am not against Trade, but the implications of this agreement seem to be a blatant attack on our human rights and our way of life into the future. I have followed several well known voices during this debate (which has NOT been public hence my "human rights" comment), namely Professor Jane Kelsey and Senator Elizabeth Warren. Their concerns give me enough reason to be against this Treaty. Of most concern to me is the power given over to big Corporations who do not have the welfare and self determination of the people close to their hearts. Added to this, the fact that the ISDS does not allow for a robust counter to claims made against Corporate take-overs. And finally the fact that the entire process has been done in such a clandestine fashion that it seems clear that this would continue and go against New Zealand citizens rights to maintain their land, their IP and their sovereignty. Please do NOT allow this agreement to be ratified. Yours sincerely, Roimata Macgregor
Kay Arnold	The tppa would lead to the undermining of our democracy with corporate power over the political process leading to the destruction of our environment and life as we know it for the average person. It would have a huge impact on public health and the indigenous people of NZ giving all power to the wealthy.
Lane Kennedy	I consider the people who have signed this to be traitors to their countries.

	<p>1. The New Zealand government should be more realistic and honest about the benefits of the TPPA. It is NOT a Free Trade Agreement. Too many tariffs and other barriers remain for it to deserve that description. While TPPA might help a bit, it will perpetuate agricultural subsidies, which are the far greater distorter of trade for our primary sector. It will also hinder the World Trade Organisation's efforts to push back against subsidies. 2. It will NOT make us wealthier or happier. Moreover, the government's forecast of 0.9 per cent GDP gain by 2030 relies on heroic assumptions about easing non-tariff barriers. Analysis of this is coming thick and fast. Here's a recent example from Tufts University in the US, bit.ly/TuftsTPPA and this from the Petersen Institute, the most respected, most apolitical of Washington trade think tanks, bit.ly/PetersenTPPA. The reality is fact-based, real world, analysts, companies, government and organisations are identifying plenty of problems with TPPA. 3. Though an Investor State Dispute Settlement process features in other trade agreements, yet the EU halted its FTA talks with the US because it said ISDS was a "very toxic issue." It came back to the table with a bold proposal for a proper international judicial system for settling disputes. As we are about to start negotiating an FTA with the EU, logically it will soon make the same judicial proposal to us. We should eagerly embrace it and actively push for the TPPA to follow suit. 4. China is very opposed to the US centric thrust of TPPA on IP and many other issues. The Chinese want a far bigger say in the world's trade rules for the 21st century, either by forming their own regional grouping, or by heavily changing TPPA. Yet our government and business leaders are insisting TPPA will be a bonanza, bigger even than our Free Trade Agreement with China. At a bare minimum they are setting themselves up for severe disappointment and serious loss of credibility. They are blinding themselves to the massive work that has yet to be done on TPPA. 5. Worse, they are devaluing New Zealand's reputation as an honest broker in international negotiations. Yet that is our greatest strength in the global system. It means we get taken seriously. It means we achieve far more than a country our size should. TPPA damages that hard-won record. We will regret it. (with acknowledgement to Rod Orams - my submission is adapted from his article "TPPA Honesty" - NZHerald 06/02/16)</p>
Ali Goodall	<p>1. The TPPA's protections from cases in discredited offshore tribunals are ineffective. Claims against NZ could now include medicine patents, mining rights and PPP contracts. There is still no appeals mechanism, little transparency and no prevention of conflicts of interest. Foreign corporations can bypass NZ's judicial system and go straight to an ISDS panel. The TPPA's US-centric rules on intellectual property, services and ISDS will reinforce the advantages for large multinationals, not NZ's entrepreneurs and SMEs. 2. Governments will be handcuffed in their ability to regulate in the public interest. The threat of an ISDS case can chill its willingness to act, shown by the delay in plain packaging for cigarettes. 3. Any mention of climate change was removed from the text. Stronger regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, mining, fracking and pollution will face risks of ISDS challenges. 4. Maori haven't even been consulted and the Treaty of Waitangi exception is no guarantee of protection. 5. The TPPA would lock in policies from the past. We can only protect our environment, human rights and social equity, while securing a better economic future, by maintaining our independence and sovereignty.</p>
Terry Goodall	<p>Us New Zealanders have our own right for us to speak up & we will not sign for the TPPA deal We deserve to have our freedom & speak up for this horrific tragic scene</p>
Dallas Corbett Edwards	<p>Where does one begin with the multitude of reasons TPPA should NOT be instated in New Zealand. 1. Whatever happened to democracy? We have a referendum on a pointless exercise in changing our flag, yet we have no say in whether large foreign corporations get to influence the future of our country? Why the hypocrisy?! 2. We have cashed in on our clean green image for tourism and exporting goods for a number of years now - what will become of our clean green environment once these large oil drilling, genetically modified, money making giants rape our land, oceans and infest us with their chemicals and cancer causing processes and products? What power do we have to keep ourselves clean and green? 3. What is the contingency plan for our government being sued? Where will the money come from? What budget will be cut/robbed to fund this? What exactly is deemed an impact to their profits - how is this determined? How much \$ is deemed an impact? Will the public have visibility? How does the government plan to mitigate the risk of being sued? 4. What will the impact be on our public health and medicines once Pharmac has a monopoly? Will our medicine cost increase? If so by how much? Will the current free health care for under 13's be sustained? If so for how long? Seems like we are just going to let these cancer causing companies in to our country to screw our environment and food supplies, and then when we all get really sick from ingesting all their chemicals we get to pay them money we wont have for their medicines to treat the symptoms of the illnesses they bestowed upon us. Sounds a whole like America. Makes absolutely no sense! Why would you ruin a beautiful paradise like ours?</p>
Vanessa Geddes	

	I oppose the TPPA as it overrules the existing protection of human rights, protection for our Environment and Wildlife and our Sovereignty in New Zealand. Instead of having Protection and Laws in place to protect the People, the Land and the resources we have here for a sustainable Future in this Country, the TPPA opposes the treaty of Waitangi, as Corporations especially from other Countries can take over with their power, with just interest in Money and Profit making and no Interest or care for the people and natural Environment that exist in New Zealand. This is a threat for the whole Country and is not for its best interest. A Corporate Body is no flesh and blood entity. They just look out for their interest in money and Profit. So any laws and protections in place for New Zealands People or its Natural Environment could be sued by a foreign Country Corporation if their profits don't reach the expected level. And then the New Zealand people would have to pay for it even though we have not been allowed to vote if we wanted the TPPA in the first place. This procedure happened already in other Countries. Why should we - the People of Aotearoa - allow this happening to New Zealand? It would be only a big step backwards and has no future for the People and this Country. And this is only one Point to oppose the TPPA. 6000 Pages debated in secret and not open to the Public and natural Persons over 6 years - sais more than enough. The TPPA is not an agreement made for the People, the natural Environment and their protection and future care and sustainability. It is only made for more money and profit. People cannot eat money. And Money does not care about Environment, health and happy People and especially no sustainability. Pharmaindustries produce chemical poisonous products to spread over the Land - like 1080 and other weedkillers that are already banned in Europe for their highly poisonous impact. This poisons the land and the wildlife in new zealand, ends up in our watersystem and foodchain and finally the people get sick - on purpose. Then Pharmaindustries create for big money medicines and vaccines in order to cure People from diseases. But many of their products cannot be processed by human flesh and blood bodies as it is not natural. So these Corporations make big money out of poisoning firstly the Land, then the People and we all pay for that, while more natural medicine slowly disappears from the markets. This also happened in other Countries. Why does the actual New Zealand Goverment want to force their people into such a poisonous deal? The only answer I can find is - because this Goverment does not care about its own people and the Land they live in. They have more interest in money and profit than to look after their own country and their people. Otherwise the actions they take would be different. I totally disagree with the TPPA. New Zealand does not need this and I do not give my permission or consent for the TPPA. I do not want the TPPA. The true natural people of New Zealand do care about their Nature, love the Environment we live in and we are flesh and blood entities. We need a clean and healthy Environment in order to sustain it for our future generations. We do not need big Corporations from overseas. All we need is right here. We have good local Companies and infrastructure. The TPPA threatens all of this. The small local businesses can collapse as they cannot compete with big money Corporations from overseas. That will make everyone more dependant on these Corporations and their products. Products that are not for the People or the Country, but for profit. So lets just get out of this deadly circle and look after our People and care about each other and those local companies we have worked with before and which worked as a win win situation. If there is no win win situation - and this TPP-Agreement can't provide this for the People and the Environment of New Zealand - there is then no future for our Children. GET OUT OF THE TPPA NOW!!!
Sandra Honekamp	
Winifred Murray	I am seriously concerned that if we enter the TPPA my democratic right to have my voice heard in the government of New Zealand will be taken away. Decisions about what happens in this country will be made by those groups and countries who have the most power. I do not want this to happen.
MARIANNE PETTIGREW	I think TTPA was a poor sell from the government. There will be 2 more years before the details are ratified. i put it to the government that they educate the public about all the details involved - there should be transparency.
paul bruce	I believe any benefits from joining the TPPA are minor, and do not compensate for the loss of sovereignty, and the chilling effect on action that reduce our emissions and threat of harmful climate change.
Carolyn McIntosh	You do not do this in my name. I detest that any negative comments at all are seen as the loony left fringe. Look around you, I do not know of any professional group who actually support this trade agreement. This is not democracy. To heck with the flag lets have a referendum on this!
Alana Te Wharau	My biggest frustration from the very beginning of word being about signing the TPPA is the effects it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi and the fact that they had JUST resigned it recently and everything to do with the TPPA is going against The Treaty of Waitangi. I'm just angry about it all :(And most of all disappointed.
E C PICKFORD	Do not give corporate bosses our power. They do not care about us or our children or the generations to come. Please listen to the people!!!
Ysrafel Naylor	I would have presumed this whole thing was a joke, obviously not. Cheers National Party, you truly don't seem to give a fu..

Renata Hauraki	As it stands this is still or country as a people BUT if this TPPA signing is given the go ahead it will open the country to foreign investment, as far as I'm concerned foreigners have too much leeway already! NO TPPA, TPPA NO WAY!!!
Robyn Pengelly	The signing of the TPPA without full consultation with the citizens of NZ and our voices not being heard is a huge blow to our rights to democracy. I am deeply concerned about the secrecy of what's actually in the full TPPA that the public do not, and it seems, cannot know about. Corporate power should not have ANY influence over our public services and undermines our democracy. I am very concerned about what impact the signing of this agreement will have on our public health & medicines and the threat to climate action and our environment.
Rita Donovan	I am concerned regarding the lack of democracy and transparency regarding the negotiations I am concerned regarding the impact on our public health and medicines I am concerned regarding corporate power and influence over the political process.
Jo Cowin	The TPPA will undermine our democracy. The National Government is steam rolling the NZ public and focusing on their intentions not the voice of New Zealanders.
Arthur Renquist	TPPA is bad for New Zealand. We should not agree to any aspect that is not directly about trade. No ISDS, since language on exceptions is not good enough and the mechanism does not use real courts. The WTO allows import duties to punish countries that damage the environment; I do not think TPPA does that.
Linda Williams	The reason given for signing up to TPPA is trade advantages. There are many important aspects to a society of which trade is only one. It is also important to have a government which consults its constituents, and remembers that they are not masters of the nation, but elected servants of the people; all the people. It is grossly negligent to allow all the services and supports, hard won, to be eroded away.
Rebekah E Moore	I have only highlighted three of the issues above but all if the hints mentioned are a concern and the secrecy around the agreement makes it even more of a worry.
Maria Bargh	The TPP negotiations have not adequately included Maori, the text does not provide adequate protection for Maori rights guaranteed under the Treaty of Waitangi and the agreement provides power and protections to large transnational corporations. It is not in the best interests of Aotearoa New Zealand and should not be ratified.
Lyn-Marie Dallison	I think it is vitally important that New Zealand holds the right to determining our own future and to making decisions on important issues that effect us all and are unique to this country. We need to think for ourselves not be pawns in a corporate world that interferes with national politics.
Sorrel	My tupuna marched to parliament way back 40 years ago last year for the same thing.(Loss of sovereignty) Selling of indigenous lands, Dawn raids. I am making this submission with this in mind. I am still in FORESHORE SEABED head space and believe that this is a prime example of things being brushed under the carpet. WAI262 claims yet to be dealt with!
Heather Tanguay	Climate change is not mentioned in the TPPA, it is a pressing matter that must be included and discussed, it is not something that is going to go away - witness the biggest ever storm to hit Fiji I am concerned at the interference in the way that medicines will be purchased for New Zealand consumers, we must have medicine that are affordable to all and not priced off the market so only a rich can afford to have them.
Helen Campbell	I don't believe tppa is in the best interest of the majority of New Zealanders. Anything done behind closed doors is suspect and then having to change some of our laws so all countries involved can be on a level playing field that can only mean the labour laws will be changed for the benefit of the corporations. Intelligent people don't need to lie they always speak the truth.

	<p>Dear Parliamentarians, I am glad to have this chance to make a submission regarding the TPPA. Thank you for all your hard work on this and I hope that you will take these submissions from the rest of us as seriously as other considerations. Many people in New Zealand can be applauded for keeping as up to date as possible with this trade negotiation - it is unusual for us to be so animated and interested in such things. I hope that this will stimulate you to take us seriously. I have been deeply offended at being labelled 'rent-a-crowd' by some of your colleagues. I am a specialist physician and am firstly concerned that this agreement will undermine our purchasing power for medications and publicly funded healthcare. To keep costs down when caring for a population, getting a good and fair price for our medicines and devices is paramount. Each year governments cut frontline services and keep wages low saying we can't afford more healthcare - yet now they want to sign an agreement that will make medications and devices more expensive or unaffordable. This money will have to come from somewhere else in the budget and there is nowhere to take it from. I have watched the Investor State Dispute Settlement process take place in other countries and been very concerned. Some companies have been awarded huge damages by this secret court against countries for spurious claims such as proposed future profits. In one country the company had broken the law and their side of the agreement but still sued the government when the contract was cancelled and the ISDS ruled in their favour, ordering the government to pay billions. In another case, the court ruled differently in a small country compared to a big one - this isn't justice, nor fairness. We must be able to make our own laws, uphold them and sanction companies who do not abide by them without fear of costly retribution. Many companies are seeking profit over sustainability and do not have credentials proving they care about our natural environment (New Zealand's biggest selling point long term), nor climate change (the biggest problem facing the human race just now). We must be able to force companies to improve their practices, care for our country and do their best by our workforce when they try to undermine us. These laws have been hard won by ordinary people over many years. Now is not the time for you to throw them away on our behalf. Please reconsider the TPPA. I strongly feel it will be detrimental to New Zealand - our people, our culture and our natural world. Please don't sign. Yours Marion</p>
Marion Leighton	<p>The TPPA is a direct threat to our sovereignty and the wellbeing of the land and our future generations. It has been secretly negotiated and if you have nothing to hide then why all the whispering and spin. We citizens of this country require and deserve transparency from our leaders, it should be against the law for governments to hide important deals, especially ones that have an indefinite period of influence. There are so many danger clauses in this agreement that will strip the country of our taonga and leave only a mess for the future generations. This is unacceptable. How dare any government who is in power periodically, sign an agreement that never ends. That is ludicrous, it can't be legal and if it is it shouldn't be. Future governments, along with the citizens of this country will be stunted by this agreement, which is ironic because the spin is that we will flourish from it. There is nothing in the TPPA that is worth the shackles that we'll drag around forever more as a nation, this agreement must not be ratified or implemented in any way. The people have spoken, now it's time to listen.</p>
Hinewai Broughton	<p>With climate change already having great impact on numerous countries, we cannot continue with business as usual. The TPPA will make things worse for the most disenfranchised members of signatory countries. I strongly oppose the implementation of this treaty.</p>
Russell	<p>It has come to my attention that it is illegal for a fictitious entity or corporation to utilize corporate law over and above real entity's - flesh and blood people - with out the real entities express permission. I for one have not expressed my permission for this to happen, yet it does. If the corporations believe they have my permission because I have officially been signing on behalf of my birth certificate - I have just learned that that is a fictitious entity - then they have gained my permission through lies, trickery and deceit. That makes these corporations criminals! So why haven't the responsible entities of these corporations been arrested and tried before the court under common law? Our government is a corporation also and it is clearly stated that it is illegal for a corporation to govern! that makes all politicians criminals! Black and White! So please tell me exactly why the people - real entities - of this nation let blatant criminals rule over us illegally?! Arrest them all and try them for treason. They have seriously broken the law!! Arrest them and try them then there will be no more threat of this corporate ttpa thing. Can we get together and do this or not??!</p>
ali alwash	<p>Power to the people, not blood sucking corporates who will make rich richer and poor poorer, the bottom line for them is money today and not the future of us and our planet.</p>
Katie Obermoser	<p>I feel that the TTPA deal has been handled with a complete lack of openness and consultation with New Zealanders. It is a FACT that trade agreements do nothing but increase emissions and hinder local efforts to combat climate change. Are we completely insane? What kind of a life do you want for your grandchildren? I am sick of big business having power and influence over political and environmental process. There is no future in a free market economy that only benefits the rich and disenfranchises the poor. Please LISTEN to the peoples submissions. Please consider to consult. Please don't do this.</p>
jared watene	<p>this treaty should not have been made in secret and is not needed or wanted .</p>

Gabrielle Davis	New Zealand is a little country with its own unique identity and our own laws and policies. Its wrong for other countries to have a strong involvement or input in our decision making, our laws or the way we choose to live and run our country. There doesn't seem to be a great advantage for New Zealanders in this trade deal.
Dorothy Claire Gaze	Not being informed of the content within the TPPA is not the way for the New Zealand Government to treat its people. The attitude that "we know best" from the Government and I can't make up my own mind is not democratic. Say no to the TPPA until we are all fully informed.
Roger Morgan	A worthy effort to reduce trade barriers begun years ago by smaller Pacific-rim nations appears to have been hijacked by the larger 'players'. This resulting "TPP" is more about allowing already-predatory tax-dodging multinational corporates & financial manipulators to wreak further havoc on smaller economies. Genuine lowering of trade barriers comes a poor second. The ISDS seems little more than a pseudo-legal arm-twisting device. On my study so far, NZ Inc. is likely to lose far more than we gain long-term, never mind sovereignty! The claims "we're not giving up anything we haven't given up before", and "it would be disastrous to pull out now" cut no ice. A bad deal is a Bad Deal. I suggest we ally again with our smaller counterparts privately, then withdraw jointly & demand re-examination of the clandestine Corporate 'BS' sections which have infiltrated these negotiations. America & Japan face real challenges from Chinese & Korean influence in the Pacific. Let's use those concerns to return the playing field to something a little less tilted. When did this Mouse lose it's Roar? With respect. Roger Morgan
OWEN TE-ONE SIMMONDS	On behalf of all War Veterans who don't have this means to express their submission for keeping "Our Current Flag". It's for Maori and descendants of Britain and Europe who are covered under the 1840 Treaty which was past to current Govt's including academics of law have failed to make that known to these descendants. The Treaty is NOT just for Maori, it has the representative symbol of Treaty partner on it. Get rid of that and not just Maori are screwed but every descendent of Britain & Europe gone. It is our Mana, Wairua (spirit) our history of all Veteran soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for the people of NZ for freedom, democracy and protection of our loved ones, above all the children, the future of Humanity. The Fern represents death the last life-cycle of the fern, hence John Key's white fern represents cowardice. This current "Flag" is our history, My 'Submission' ends.
Sarah Harwood	To whom it may concern, I am a New Zealander who has lived overseas for the last 10 years. I would like to move back to New Zealand in the near future, however, I am very concerned about the state the country will be in when I return and in the coming years. Take a look at the free trade agreement between the US and Columbia section 9.70 to see how the small countries get treated. Please reconsider the TPPA and don't pass the laws that implement it. Thank you & regards Sarah Harwood
Margaret	I do not wish to have foreign corporations using any form of negative influence ie;bullying, manipulating, or black mail over our political processes.
Eileen Shewan	This proposed "trade" agreement poses a serious threat to the democratic system of government that the citizens of Aotearoa/New Zealand uphold. It also denigrates the rights of the Tangata Whenua as agreed in Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The future wellbeing of all the citizens of this land is jeopardised by this proposed agreement. Once our democratic rights are overridden by such an agreement they will be lost to the present populace and to our children and future generations.

S. Gould	The TPP 'deal' is all about boosting the United States of America's interests, about absolute economic gains for the US and we would be naive to think otherwise. NZ and AU would be idiots to become pawns/collateral in such a US game. I'm not against decent trade agreements per se, but this is only called a 'trade agreement' by name, but what it contains are terms to favour the large US corporations. These corporate powers spend in the vicinity of 100 million per day on legal teams to control and influence the political process to their advantage. Should other democracies dare to pass a law that "might deprive the US corporation of future profit", TPP gives unfettered rights to corporations, such as the right to sue a government over regulations, such as those which protect us from harmful chemicals or harmful mining practices, or medicinal product price hikes. The idea is to force us to buy their US inferior junk (junk food, super expensive meds) at higher prices, not China's products. US doesn't want NZ, AU, SE Asia, SA and so on to be trading big time with China. But NZ and AU want to trade with China as much as possible. So there is a conflict. America should start minding its own business and get on with sorting out their own problems so they can trade with the world (as does NZ and AU already now). It is naive for NZ and AU to think because its called a trade agreement it is like other trade agreements... and that it will "create jobs" !!! Yeah right! Their TPP deal is actually more about building up barriers than taking them down... much is US protectionist and will raise prices. NZ and AU etc should take the idea and write a trade agreement themselves, one that suits us, and propose that. That would be more smart and I guarantee it would look different than the TPP. The United States' TPP negotiating team walked away from supporting strong environmental safeguards. Profit-at-any-cost corporations risk driving us headlong toward climate catastrophe and therefore risking economic collapse. Without protections for land, logging, and climate pollution, the TPP has gone from a bad deal to a disastrous one as the TPP would empower corporations to directly sue governments over laws and policies that they claim reduce their profits. Legislation designed to address climate change, curb fossil fuel expansion, and reduce air pollution could all be subject to attack as a result of the TPP. The TPPA should not be ratified in NZ.
Shane Tito	I don't want Big corporate powers taking over our country!
Megan Salole	I'm all for Trade. And one can't say Canada aren't for trade. But if Canada can pull out of the TPPA then that shows me two important things. Firstly, this deal is not considered to make a valuable enough contribution to GDP to make the significant concessions (most notably the corporate rights) worth it. Secondly, it's not a 'done deal' and our country doesn't have to continue to ratify it - we now have an ally in rejecting the clauses that would cause us to trade away significant aspects of our democratic process. I do not support this trade deal. I do support trade deals that will significantly enhance our GDP but have been failed to be convinced by the numbers for this agreement. And I don't agree to the terms. No company should ever have rights that supercede those of the citizens of that county to follow due legislative process.
Feaomoeata Aholahi	# we could be control by international law we don't want that And Maori people deserve their respect as they r the people owns the land plus oil company could sue New Zealand and tax payer will be suffer to pay the cost we all end up suffer ourself
jess ulukau	It is highly concerning for me, as a mother of two and a registered nurse; that we as a county have the possibility of international corporations influencing our day to day life. This is not the New Zealand my ancestors developed- nor is it the new Zealand I want for my children. I feel that I have the right to choose and decide the future for myself and my young children- the TPP takes away from that right.
Victor Kawana Timu	Loss of rights as a country. Open to legal proceedings beyond our control.
Jason Tamihana-Bryce	Evidence shows that the TPPA restricts what future governments can and can't do, and presents very real risks to our environment and every New Zealander's right to affordable healthcare, while the benefits are projected to be very small. I urge you to consider the lasting impact that this deal will have for our country's prosperity, and to oppose the TPPA.
Peter Jacobson	I am deeply concerned by the power and influence we will hand to corporations by ratifying the TPPA. It is already difficult enough to prevent corporations with huge marketing budgets selling vices to the people of NZ against their better judgement - This will make regulation of things like alcohol, tobacco, sugar and the inevitable future intoxicants and unhealthy products (for us and our planet) more difficult and very financially risky for our country. NZ has a great history of integrity - this is one of the things that makes our country special, and a big part of why I came back here after two years in the United Kingdom. Ratifying the TPPA will compromise our ability to live and govern with integrity - the TPPA will prevent us passing laws and making judgements in alignment with our nation values of health and equality. The minor benefits of incremental increase in trade income are not worth this loss of sovereign integrity. By ratifying the TPPA with such evidently minimal benefits, we also lose international integrity, as we show ourselves to be a sheep-like nation, doing what it is told - rather than thinking and acting independently, as we have done, and gained international respect for, in the past. Please continue our fine tradition of integrity and free-thinking, and let the TPPA go without ratification. Nga mihi, Peter Jacobson

Luis Arevalo	The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement is a substantial free trade agreement intruding on all aspects of our lives. Lives of millions of the most marginalised of this earth may be severely affected if this agreement is allowed to become law. The United Nations expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order said this year that 'it has been argued that ISDS tilts the playing field away from democratic accountability, favouring "big business" over the rights and interests of labourers and consumers' (United Nations, 2015, para. 11). As citizens of New Zealand it is our obligation to agitate against systems (both locally and internationally) that work against the basic human rights of all of us. Only through this agitation can we highlight the injustices, educate our fellow citizens to the discrimination being lavished across sectors of the population and hopefully one day live in a world where every human being is treated with the respect and dignity they deserve.
Rosemary McQueen	Trade While we may gain better access to some regional markets, the significant ones, (the US & Canada) will continue to impose tariffs on most of our dairy products. Because the TPP will lock in these barriers to free-trade, it will undermine the WTO's work. In this respect it is an anti-free trade agreement which provides us with no compensatory rights to impose tariffs on Canadian or US imports. Economy "In the face of negligible or negative income gains, the costs of the TPP are projected to fall asymmetrically on labor." (Tufts report 2016) While it seems that the TPP may increase the GDP by nearly 1%, (which is not a significant sum over the course of 30 years) the labour force is calculated to be reduced by some 5,000 and lose nearly 1.5% of its current share of GDP. This will exacerbate income inequality and squeeze the working classes between an idle capitalist class and the unemployed to an extent not experienced before in NZ Investment While New Zealanders may have a greater level of protection when investing overseas, the agreement can only protect them from unscrupulous governmental action; surely the greater danger in foreign investment is unscrupulous citizenry. The countervailing loss - that is the powers given to foreign investors in our own country - the power to buy and control our resources - is too great a cost borne by us all for too little return captured by a few. Pharmaceutical access The control of the market given to pharmaceutical companies will limit free-trade, not enhance it. The effect of this control on the cost to us of pharmaceutical supplies is too great a price to pay for a doubtful increase in GDP of 0.9% over 30 years. Copyright - for artistic works The length of copyright should match the expected life of the work - a few years for a movie; a few months for popular music recorded digitally. NZ's copyright laws were made unnecessarily restrictive a couple of decades ago when copyright was extended to 50 years after an artist's death. The previous 25 years for published work ensured that the artist's off-spring might grow to adulthood with the benefit of the profits from their parent's lifetime's work. There is no need at all for recording companies to be guaranteed the profits from their publications of an artist's work for 50 or 75 years because companies don't have dependents. And when the work of art is created and only exists in digital form, capable of being exactly reproduced millions of times at no expense, the recording company has become otiose. Locking in the continued existence of recording companies, as is ensured by the TPP, will prove a barrier to free trade and will inhibit the growth of local performers and their ability to build an audience. Copyright - for intellectual property Treating knowledge as a commodity to be traded for profit is entirely inimical to our society. The consequences are completely counter to every reformation and renaissance that has made western civilisation what it is. The provisions safeguarding copyright in intellectual property constitute a barrier to the free exchange of ideas and should have no role in a free-trade treaty. Sovereignty matters Investor state dispute procedures The provisions agreed to in the TPP are unacceptably arbitrary and readily corruptible. The EU has foreshadowed in its TIP an open and transparent court for settling disputes. We can accept nothing less. Alignment of our laws to those of the US Only the people of NZ should be entitled to have a say in writing our laws. Neither local nor international corporations should be given any say at all.
Alan Campbell	I am opposed to TPPA for the points I have indicated above and equally for all the others as well. Of special concern is having corporates ability to override NZ government decisions. Exploitation of the environment with less and less protection is a major concern to me.

	<p>Dear Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade (FADT) Select Committee email: foreignaffairs.defencetrade@parliament.govt.nz Attention: Mark Mitchell FADT Chair. Please find below my evidence as to why the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) must be rejected. I am in agreement with the arguments highlighted in the following article posted Wednesday, February 17th, 2016 at 12:20 pm by Gordon Campbell in his Werewolf Blog. I agree with his assessment on the illegality, inappropriateness and unfit for purpose Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions in the TPP's Investment Chapter 9: http://werewolf.co.nz/2016/02/obsolete-at-birth/ I have additional reasons to oppose the TPP being ratified by New Zealand and therefore I reserve my rights to offer supplementary evidence in respect to these further objections. As the TPP will have influence on future generations fate and appears to be a long term binding agreement, I demand that this committee inform the Parliament in its report that the TPP has little value in terms of trade liberalisation and imposes undemocratic and unreasonable constraints on our future ability to govern the state. It is also a direct violation of the Treaty of Waitangi and therefore illegal. All the TPPA is offering is foreign corporate powers to have undue influence on sovereign states such as New Zealand taking away power from its citizens. If the members of parliament who back this treaty feel they no longer want to govern the state of Aotearoa NZ in the public interest, they ought resign and go and find some other occupation. With the utmost sincerity, Michael Multhaup</p>
Michael Multhaup	I am concerned that the TPPA will give more power to foreign investors - the government needs to limit foreign ownership and ensure more profits are retained in NZ. The TPPA could result in delays and an increase cost of getting new drugs into NZ. I would be concerned if the TPPA results in a reduction of environmental reform in NZ. We have an opportunity to market NZ as a clean green place to do business and tap into niche markets for the growing number of consumers looking for 'cleaner' food and products. I don't want to see us going the American way with greater control by big companies such as Monsanto, all profit driven at the cost of the country's environmental health and that of its people. I don't want to see more acceptance of genetically modified foods.
Joanne Brownie	As a specialist physician, I am very concerned about future restrictions on NZ governments' legislation to protect the health of New Zealanders and our environment. I am particularly worried that New Zealand may not be able to decline activities detrimental to the natural environment, and that public health measures may be restricted. Even if the Government were successful in fighting ISDS processes instigated by overseas investors, the legal costs may be a major drain on resources and may make opposing them prohibitive.
Iain Ward	I refuse to allow this agreement to go through...if it does I will b the one who starts the revolution and we will disolve the gov therfore making this agreement irravant due to there being no gov leftwe the people can take care of our own country we dont need anything from over any seas...realy we live in one of the most selfsfishant places in the world ..but this agreement seems to frown upon selfsustainability...lets stand up unite and fight for our freedom and protection of our home land and sea..
david farry	Dear Sirs / Madams I don't believe the TPPA will be of benefit for NZ people. Particularly, my mokopuna are my concern and I don't want them further marginalised by the silencing impact of this agreement .
Cherie Te Rore	It is a shame I cannot select more issues, because the coroporate power is also a great danger to NZ's, as well as the impact that it will have on our medicines that are inherently our as part of our culture. The TPPA alienates all our basic human rights and if the policy makers of Japan,, Australia and America do not wish to sign it in its present form then maybe that is a pretty clear indication that neither should we. You are selling usa to the devil and there will be hell to pay! Listen to the people, otherwise they will revolt.
Vera Schatt	I believe very strongly that New Zealand should not be part of the TPPA. It is an error to think of TPPA as a trade agreement. Trade agreements are about reducing barriers to imports/exports between certain countries. Trade Agreements do not give foreign multi-national companies the ability to limit our sovereignty. I am opposed to the TPPA for the following reasons: -The TPPA is anti-democratic e.g. secret negotiations, secret tribunals, no right of appeal of ISDS decisions. -The loss of sovereignty represented by some provisions of the TPPA will affect NZ's ability to legislate e.g. we will be unable to restrict foreign buyers from buying property or key national assets. -The ISDS process is also likely to limit the state's ability to act in the areas of environmental & health legislation. Such as the ability to introduce polluter pays regimes; plain packaging for cigarettes or a tax on fizzy drinks. As anything that changes the operating environment of a corporate in a negative way is liable to result in that corporate taking action against the government through the ISDS system. Perhaps corporates could even try to use this system to stop the government raising corporate tax rates (or closing tax loopholes!). -The increased cost of medicines. Our health system is already struggling & finding it difficult to fund new drugs - how does it benefit from having to wait longer for access to generic brands? -Reduced internet freedom & privacy. -It's potential impact on the rights given to Maori under Tiriti o Waitangi. I also fail to see the need for the extension to copyright protection and how there is any benefit to NZ in this.
Kim Dunlop	

Ray Bailey	I really would like the government to have more transparency on the TPPA. They have told us that the agreement will have benefits to the country, but how exactly. More information is needed for the public to make an informed decision
Sue Pugmire	The benefits have been stated as .9% of our GDP by 2030, and the modeling used for those figures has been questioned by independent economists. The losses include at least \$55million a year for patent & copyright costs; much higher health costs (&/or decreased Public Health Service); an estimated loss of 6,000 jobs & a growth in inequality & poverty; Under the TPPA process USA has the 'right' to ensure we change laws, regulations & policies to 'fit' with their agenda. This could take away many of our protections for food, water, services, jobs, Kiwi-Made products & businesses, people & the environment. It also takes away our Sovereignty, our Independence to make our own laws & choose our own future. TPPA will make it hard to make sensible decisions to take urgently needed Climate Change action because of ISDS fears & threats. Opening NZ up to ISDS litigation, outside our court system & with no right of appeal is both undemocratic & dangerous. The latest of these cases are for tens of billions of dollars. Likely litigants include Serco, the fossil fuel industry, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, fast food/processed food & chemical companies, pharmaceuticals & gambling. Water 'ownership' is another likely area for litigation. TransCanada is suing USA over stopping the Keystone XL pipeline to support COP21 climate action, for \$US15billion. That one litigation case is more than 5 times greater than any projected gains. Now Japan is suing South Korea for refusing Fukushima contaminated foods. TPPA threatens our Democracy, our Sovereignty, the Treaty of Waitangi, our environment, our people, their human rights, health & safety. We cannot afford to ratify this agreement. Any one who does is acting against the interests of NZ and New Zealanders. Thank you.
Angela Coleman	As a Kiwi I have been proud of New Zealand's independent anti-nuclear stand. Under TPPA we will lose sovereignty over the significant issues about which many of us feel strongly: eg. our country's democratic right to make our own decisions relating to climate change To be sued, possibly for billions of dollars, by powerful multi-national companies through the biased and secretive ISDS process, with no right of appeal, is both scary and comparable to the greedy imperialist powers of the past. I do not believe that any trade gains for New Zealand are worth the loss of what should be the inalienable right of New Zealand to implement independent policies. Multi-national companies will have no regard for the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi which we consider essential to our national identity. I am totally opposed to New Zealand endorsing the TPPA.
D Kendrick	It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. It seems very evident that the way the US is going, it is filled with systems that aren't working. I believe the TPPA will only benefit the people who already have more than enough. I refuse to believe that this is a good idea.
Natalie Thomson	I am strongly opposed to the TPPA because it endangers New Zealand's ability to put it's people and environment before international corporate profits.
Chris Rodliffe	I am extremely offended that this 'agreement' would impose foreign-dictated laws on New Zealand. Among the many issues: 1. I run the Linux operating system and Open Source software on my computer. I am extremely concerned that technical requirements (aimed at DRM enforcement) may collaterally impair my ability to install and run operating systems and software of my choice on my own computer. 2. New Zealand is in DVD Region 4 (DVD regions are surely an 'artificial restriction to trade' if there ever was one. The antithesis of free trade). I have a number of Region 1 (US) and Region 2 (UK) DVD's which I can perfectly legally watch. I emphasise these are legal authorised copies, purchased retail. The TPP would make my viewing of these on my computer, or presumably buying or using a multi-zone DVD player, illegal. This is as absurd as it is repugnant. (However, and ironically, pirate copies, which are reputedly not region-locked, would play perfectly well on anything).

Brenda Ives	<p>It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret → There is no Parliamentary debate required to ratify the TPPA into law. Only Cabinet is needed to pass it. This is the most terrible betrayal of NZ's democratic process. That a handful of people (Cabinet) (who are in power for a short time) can wreak havoc on us for generations to come is the most dangerous thing we can suffer. This Cabinet consists of people who will not have heard the issues debated from all aspects by people from all walks of life as would occur in open debate in Parliament before any thing more is signed. The Cabinet would be presented with a biased directive to conform. Such a blatant use of power by John Key et al is so abhorrent to New Zealanders that it is surely time for New Zealanders to oppose the TPPP vigorously. → The only formal analysis of the pros and cons of the deal is conducted by the lead negotiators and approved by the National government. → Public submissions to Select Committee will only be accepted after the deal has been signed.</p>
Steve Wagstaff	<p>I am deeply concerned that New Zealand has signed the TPPA agreement without adequately providing an opportunity for public consideration and comment. I am not convinced that the economic benefits outweigh the potential long-term risks to the environment and the well-being of all New Zealanders. I feel the New Zealand government should not ratify TPPA before providing all of the facts and without the support of a referendum vote.</p>
Nevyn Hira	<p>The TPPA represents a fundamental shift. While the government of New Zealand needs to exist to represent the people of Aotearoa, it has been shifting to representing the interests of big business. We don't need to be looking after the interests of big business - big business is already looking after its own interests and has the clout to do it. Instead, the NZ Government needs to represent and look after New Zealand *PEOPLE*. In no time during the debate has there been talk about people in any of the process except for the protestors. Instead the talk has been around what it means to the economy. The value to the economy. We can not and should not mistake value to the economy has being value to people.</p>
Wayne McLachlan	<p>This is bait and switch legislation, which started as a trade agreement, but is now mostly a copyright enforcement agreement. (e.g, as a litmus test, is Mickey Mouse out of copyright yet?). This locks NZ into old low value agricultural roles (NB, <5% of GDP), and limits societies access to high value IT, media and bio technologies.</p>
Jenny Macnab	<p>Global corporations are immune to the law of the Sovereign Countries in which they do business; any local law that interferes with corporate profit can be overridden by the corporations. The TPPA removes all restraints on global corporations.</p>
Beth Tolley	<p>I am a grandmother a physiotherapist and I'm passionate about caring for our beautiful land. I write out of concern not for myself or my generation but for my children and grandchildren and their peers as the consequences of the TPPA could take 15 or more years to be fully realised. The loss of democracy and the increases power of multinational companies will make it much harder than it already is to maintain our biodiversity and prevent the pollution and destruction of our environment. If a multinational is at risk of less profits because New Zealanders want to protect the environment the multinational can sue us as a nation though the investor state dispute resolution process. I want my grandkids to be able enjoy our beautiful bush mountains rivers lakes and beaches and be able to show them to their kids. I am concerned at the effect it will have on an already struggling health system where staff are having to make hard decisions about which patients can receive what care. If medicines artificial joints and medical supplies become more expensive there will be less money in the public health system and only the rich will be able to access optimum care. The current Pharmac system overall does a very good job at present in accessing pharmaceuticals for New Zealanders at reasonable rates. This will change -either Pharmac will be able to afford less or taxpayers will have to pay more to cover Pharmac's increased costs I want New Zealand to be a place where we look out for and care for each other not where decisions are taken out of our hands. I want New Zealand individuals, firms and government organisations to have the option of paying a little for New Zealanders to provide a quality product or service rather than being forced to accept a slightly cheaper inferior product made by overseas underpaid workers. Please do all you can to prevent the TPPA being ratified Thank you</p>
Margaret Burton	We want our whenua left alone.

Amanda Powdrill	The TPPA is a 'trade' deal that has been negotiated in secret by New Zealand, the US and ten other countries for the past 5 years. It was negotiated in secret and all supporting negotiating documents are still secret. There are too many things that we don't have the answer to - I know that the people in parliament are voted in to represent the people, however this will impact across the board but the everyday person isn't being given any insight into how this will be - Mr Kay has been dishonest in his comments regarding medicines costing people no more - they will, be it through taxes or in the longer term directly on supply. There is no mention on climate change but we could be forced to undertake processes to fulfill the agreement to avoid litigation but in direct conflict with climate change legislation. Where is the democratic process when it comes to signing our country up to something as big as this? Where is the transparency with regards to what it means for ALL New Zealanders? In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws....should we be adopting the laws of such a litigious society. In order for us to become part of something bigger we should lose our identity? There is not enough transparency regarding the TPPA - which has left people with too many questions and (I think) understandably a mistrust of the process.
Charisse Gilbert	The TPP Agreement is a direct threat to the individuals of this country. If it becomes ratified, we will be open to corporate plunder by being sued if we change laws to protect ourselves that result in corporations losing money. We will have our internet freedom censored, leaving us at the mercy of conventional "media" which has been proven to be completely corrupt and a part of spreading propaganda for political and corporational purposes. We will have been SOLD OUT by our government, as if it is ratified, they have proven that their citizens are less important than money. This agreement is corrupt on every level and should be shredded, all 6000 pages of it.
Dean Cameron	Anything that is kept secret can't be good for everyday New Zealanders. The corporations can find another way to feed their greed it is all about money and not the welfare of countries like ours or the people that live here.
Faye Walter	I object to the TPPA because: 1. The increased cost of medication and medical care. 2. The damage to our democratic process and sovereignty. 3. The undue power that corporate interests will gain. 4. The ISDS is an abomination to anyone who believes in democracy or sovereign rights. Those supporting ISDS should be tried for betrayal of the nation. 5. NZ doesn't have the money to support being sued by greedy corporates wanting billions of dollars ransom, when they are told NO!
Kathryn Takiwa	This current government has never looked out for the "real people' of N.Z There is NOTHING about the TPPA that is of any good for the people of N.Z and their future. Our land and it's resources will be stolen from under us, owned by greedy foreigners who will never be happy with what they already have in their own country or our country, they will destroy everything good about N.Z. Our people WILL BE TRODDEN ON, ABUSED AND ALL BE DESTROYED. Only the rich, keep getting richer!!! At any cost of others, not at their own expense.
naera haimona	Taking the peoples power away
Zachary Domike	These "Free Trade" agreements have been a failure for all working people. Please do not proceed with further concessions to the multinational corporations because they have no concern for the environment nor society, only profits!
Zara Mansoor	New Zealand needs to assert its own sovereignty to be a true leader in issues from child poverty to climate change rather than following allowing with the wishes of global corporate powers. Our country and people are too precious to accede these legal and democratic rights and the benefits too small for us to justify making these.
Maren Behrend	I am concerned about the restrictions the TPPA will have on the ability of New Zealand to legislate and choose actions for itself, to protect its environment and to improve the lives of its citizens. Examples of current legal proceedings taken by private companies against governments, including tobacco companies opposing restrictions on packaging, oil companies opposing moves away from fossil fuels, Monsanto opposing restrictions on sale of its pesticides, suggests that the TPP will expose NZ to litigation by private corporations interested only in their profit, not the good of the people. The agreement does not benefit individual rights but rather favors profit over social welfare. This is not the direction that the economy should go for the future and will potentially lead to greater costs for managing healthcare and the environment.and for adapting to the realities of climate change. The ISDS system could potentially cost NZ millions of dollars from legal action taken by companies that do not have the best interests of NZ to heart, and give NZ little or no recourse, regardless of its impact on the country. I say 'no' to the TPPA and 'no' to changing our present laws to meet the TPPA ratification process.

Holly	The TPPA is fundamentally a mechanism with profit and de-regulation for corporations at the heart of it, NOT, in fact, trade. It will put the interests of the corporate sector above New Zealanders and, as New Zealander, I cannot stand by and watch this bill passed and ratified. It is endangering the sovereignty of the New Zealand government, an extension of the people's law, and is an assault on our democracy. I am particularly concerned, as a policy journalist, how it will impact the political process, and how it puts the importance of the environment and community below the rights of corporations to make a profit.
Valerie Bianchi	I am concerned signing the TPPA is a short sighted move that will give out too much corporate power compared to governmental power. Our value should be on people not money.
Brenda Reti	That the prime minister is deciding what should happen and not happen in our country when we are a democratic country is absolutely fraudulent and outright distasteful. This TPPA is unsupported in so many countries around the world. So much that even the American government is having second thoughts on this agreement. Then why is the prime minister of New Zealand so hell bent on bringing this TPPA agreement into our country. The prime minister just needs to listen to the majority and stop working with the minority to help him change the rules to suit himself and his rich elite friends.
Martha Gilbert	our rights for economic developments will be determined and controlled by those countries included in the agreement that's not Freedom I totally oppose the TPPA agreement
Judith Lowry	I oppose New Zealand signing up to the TPPA because it will undermine our own constitutional rights. If they so wished, in any given so called breach of the agreement, multi-national companies would be free to sue the NZ Government and in the legal proceedings the lawyers used would not be unbiased, but employed by those companies. Deals could and most likely would all occur behind closed doors well out of the public domain. Our environment and other areas of concern which have been decided over many years by a democratic process in our parliament could and would be overruled. It is also abhorrent that we could allow our Treaty of Waitangi to be swept aside very easily in the interests of commercial convenience.
Derek Tan	Dear New Zealand Government, It has come to my attention that this TPPA is not in the best interest of our great Nation. So I cannot and will not give my consent for this agreement to go ahead, which has been negotiated in secrecy. How can we consent to something we have no information on. We love our country the way it is with the freedoms and democratic choices we have, I fear that this TPPA will change all that and we will have to follow someone else's legislation and not have any say in it. We are a strong and independent country let's keep it that way, we don't want to give our power to Multi-national corporations who are only interested in self gain at the expense of the people! It is us the People that make the nation great, let us stand united in the Oneness of who we truly are and together we make a great nation with our Choices and decisions which benefit all. Kind regards, Derek Tan
Ben Jansen	This agreement is designed to protect American corporate investments only and gives unprecedented power to secret offshore tribunals over our national legislation.
Jessie Rochford-Barber	Dear I believe the TPP is a mistake for New Zealand. The TPPA is only on the surface a trade deal. The majority of the deal focuses on putting damaging restrictions on our government and society in order to promote profits. My main concern from the TPP is that there are no environmental protection or consideration clauses. Profits from this agreement will be worthless in the face of destruction that catastrophic climate change will cause and already is causing to our neighbours. The deal easily allows giant companies to exploit our natural resources with little of the benefits returning to New Zealand. In fact under the TPP these companies can even make money off us for putting restrictions concerning the environment that hinders their profits. There are many other areas I am concerned about. These include but are not limited to; the increase of costs to medicines and our public health services, the added costs of protections and copy rights and the amount of power international corporations will have over our laws rather than the government that is elected by the New Zealand people. It comes down to this, the government needs to really consider the best interests of the everyday New Zealanders they have been entrusted to protect. If the TPP in any way can cause harm to the New Zealand public, no matter its (minimal) benefits, then pride and profit should not come before protecting the people. Yours Sincerely Jessie Rochford-Barber
Jayson	Insufficient/independent/research has been done to provide adequate information to the public to make an informed opinion on this matter.
Deborah Price	I do not want this government to sign up NZ to the TPPA. If they do so, our democratically elected representatives will no longer be able to be answerable only to us but will instead be required to submit to rulings of the ISDS and will be able to be more easily swayed by, if not forced to accept, decisions made by foreign corporations. We have already enough trade agreements which allow us access to many markets. The cost to us in the loss of our ability to be self determining is not worth any potential gain.

vanessa macdonald	Overseas investors buying up our land, farms, businesses and properties. There should be some sort of protection for NZ and a rule that if you are born overseas with no NZ connection then you shouldn't be allowed to buy our land. I am concerned about overseas born people buying up our beaches etc
Fono	I SOLEMNLY DISAPPROVE OF A PROCESS THAT IS NOT TRANSPARENT THAT CREATES QUESTIONS RATHER THAN ANSWERS.
Muli Elo	I won't be able to watch illegal movies without being fined
Judith Johannessen	I also reject the idea that members of the TPPA can purchase our land and property when they don't reside here.
Torfrida Waiwnright	I am a gardener, beekeeper, grandmother, retired health policy analyst. I oppose the TPPA for many reasons but mostly because, as scientists are pointing out ever more urgently, humanity has only a short time within which to reverse the destruction we are wreaking on the planet and specifically to avert catastrophic climate change. It is abundantly clear that this TPPA reduces the power of national governments to make the hard decisions that need to be made, (such as to shift investment from fossil fuels to renewables), and it gives previously unimaginable powers to multinational corporate entities, which are accountable to no-one apart from the tiny global minority who run them. Example: Obama under huge public pressure recently refused to approve the Keystone oil pipeline in USA. The USA government has immediately been served notice of \$billion lawsuits by the companies involved, under a trade deal similar to TPPA. New Zealanders
tony atkinson	Submission on TPPA I have listened to as many authoritative voices as possible. I have read what is available on the government website. I'm university qualified now retired. What is pervasively obvious to me is that the TPP is an open the markets agreement more than it is an open the trade barriers agreement. This concerns me as I see NZ succeeding on the world trade front with its produce penetrating markets, despite trade barriers, because we are producing quality products. Not because our products are cheap. I also feel that there may be a time when NZ will have to resist pressure to exclude a product deemed a threat to our health , our economy or our ability to conduct government. This TPP agreement is so full of legalese that it is impossible to see the guiding principles of it. The USA has a frightful record of interfering in other countries affairs(eg The CIA arming of the dissident contras under the decoy of a war on drugs in Nicaragua, done so, specifically to subvert the democratically elected Nicaraguan government, in my life time and thankfully exposed). I hope you will see the appropriateness of my scepticism in the light of evidence and the insights of non partisan authorities. Taking all aspects into account; lowering trade barriers appears more of a decoy than a leading principle of this TPP just as the USA used to obfuscate their intentions in Nicaragua Iam confident that TPP is not in NZ long term interests. NZ's unfettered sovereignty is the prize here. It has taken decades to demonstrate NZ's attitude to trade. Innovation, quality, clean, sustainable and compliant with all countries rules. A strong principled New Zealand will more effectively garner more access for our food trade products than will our primary industries coming under uncontrollable takeover pressure. Time has overtaken this notion that we need anything as complex and opaque as TPP. Witness the behaviour of Heinz Watties farm produce processor. The evidence shows that HW will source their produce in whatever market they can exploit most profitably, even if it is at a demonstrable disadvantage to our primary producers themselves. Wake up Government. .
Dalrae Robati	Why would you give power to foreign corporations? Why give away our democracy just so a few can line their pockets? None of this is good for new Zealand.
Caroline	The TPP is a major threat to our democracy and rights as citizens. Its future implications of international corporate influence on our policy and legislation are in the opposite direction of transparency and motuhaketanga - autonomy and self determination.
Philip Pattermore	The Trans Pacific Partnership agreement comes with public health exceptions that are limited and differ chapter by chapter. They afford no more protection than standard WTO exceptions against ISDS or WTO challenges to legislation made to improve public health and for the public good. The WTO exceptions have failed dramatically to protect public health legislation in the majority of challenges This means that our excellent health system and public health in New Zealand will expose a very large Achilles heel, and be open to multiple challenges from giant corporations, not on the basis of science or of health but purely on the basis of trade protectionism. This is not the way a country wants its government to manage its health. We should accept nothing less than a complete no-questions-asked exemption in all chapters for legislation passed for the public good in relation to health
Kathleen Nelson	I am afraid that TPPA Treaty will undermine NZ democracy. I believe that the TPPA treaty will cause loss of sovereignty to New Zealand

Avian Samuel	As a New Zealander living outside of N.Z. I see that our country is no longer being heard by the Prime minister. Why does a person placed in such a position by the people, no longer have to listen to what they say? I see a steady decline in trust and support of this government. Why does a government want to keep its own people from knowing what they, the government are doing? Why does a government wish to change such things as the Treaty, without consulting it's people? Deceit, can only bring about destabilisation of trust in a government. Are we being made puppets by other countries forcing our hands? Or is our government weak!!!
Ricardo Ball	There's far more at stake here than a 0.9 GDP increase - the loss of control of our nation's future and the future generations in this country should not be sold in a desperate attempt to curry favour with the US
Mara Hermann	I don't want those multinational corporations to be able to sue our government when they want to brake our laws that were made to protect the environment. What use are such protective laws, when any greedy foreigner can force their destructive, toxic interests on our local people anyway? Our sovereignty and democracy should come before any alleged trade advantages, which eventually turn out to be only for the privileged big corporations anyway, while the common people have to contend with all the disadvantages, because they have no voice.
Rangiwhiu Ngatai	None of what the priminister John Key is doing to our country is benefiting this country. Changing the flag, tppa. Etc. All detrimental to this country and the people in it.
Jenny Kirk	The TPPA removes our right to make our own laws for the good of our people. The TPPA will damage the ability of Pharmac to bargain for lower priced medicines. This so-called "trade agreement" is not really about trade : it is more to do with allowing multi-national corporations to do what they want in NZ - without regard for the good of our people, or our environment. There are already too many damaging things happening to our environment - the TPPA will add to these, not reduce them - therefore, the TPPA is a threat to our environment and will increase the intensity and speed of climate change.
Tony Hamilton	The so-called benefits of this deal are greatly outweighed by losses created. 1. Extra cost of medicines to the country: the government lies when it says people will not pay more - of course we will because it is our taxes etc that will cover the increased costs, even if people apparently will not have direct increases (if we can believe the 'promises'). 2. Clearly the government executive is beholden to the overseas corporates and are quite willing to provide them with more opportunity to profit at the ordinary persons cost. 3. The horrendous, ongoing handing over to overseas interests of our law making and the obscene check on our ability to make laws to benefit New Zealanders is absolutely appalling. This government continues it's years long exercise in undermining democratic rights of ordinary citizens so as to financially benefit their masters overseas. The TPPA must not proceed.
Margaret Button	I am concerned that overseas corporates could influence and even sue the NZ government if our environmental practices and laws inhibit their trade.
Meeka inglis	To whom it may concern I am writing to state that I do not want the New Zealand government to sign the TPPA agreement. I have been unimpressed with the amount of consultation and believe that it is not the right of the government to sign an agreement that has had such public opposition. I also feel that the name calling from government about those who have marched or spoken out against TPPA is embarrassing for us as a nation. You are not on Shortland Street you are our elected politicians (not that I voted for National). Many New Zealanders do not trust National to make this decision without disclosing details fully this is not surprising after selling cows to Saudi farmers, buying out Saudi farmer, bringing in National Standards and lowering our international standards in education. So no we don't trust you. I believe that this should go to a referendum. This is not your decision to make. The money that you project we are to make is not worth the giving away this much power. We want to be able to control sugar food labelling, alcohol advertising and sales, tax on those items, we need to encouraging small local low mile businesses, not allowing big business even more control in our market place. I believe You are signing away too much control for a pittance and I do not endorse this action. My knowledge may not be fully informed and for that I do not apologise but suggest that that you should for maintaining a closed door policy in our country. Yours sincerely Meeka Inglis
George Tuhiwai	I George Tuhiwai oppose the TPPA
leslie bennett	New Zealand must remain in control of the people of New Zealand not be handed over to those who are driving us to be part of their Globalist experiment. Governments of New Zealand no longer care or work for the benefit of its people or land ,it has been taken over by corporate greed who will have no respect for our environment or its people. What are we leaving to our children a country run for their benefit or one that uses them for the benefit of the corporations??

Jessica Blaikie	The idea of ISDS power over the choices of so-called democratic nations is appalling. A governments duty is to enhance and protect the livelihood of its nation and those who live there. That should never be in the hands, or largely influenced by profit-driven corporations.
Felciite Jardine	I am strongly opposed to the TPPA being ratified for two main reasons. 1. people from other partners states will be able to purchase property and land in Aotearoa/NZ as a right. 2. the impact on our health bill for medicines and other related medical issues.
Alys Titchener	I choose to live in a democratic society that upholds the rights of the people above corporations.
Roberta Singleton	It's got to be no to this agreement, there isn't enough gain to suffer the pain.
Laurie Silver	This is an undemocratic, corrupt negotiation that serves only a few, and threatens the sovereignty of a great nation.
Jacob Shaw	TPPA No Way. Simply the con's outweigh the positives in this deal for New Zealanders.
Ripeka Helene Tarawa	Secret negotiations. Our people are suppressed and not informed not right
Louella Fountain	Why the secrets? I do not want secret tribunals or negotiations. Seems to me if you are a corporation you get government approval (Money Talks) . How about us little people?. Us little people once again have to take a back seat. Stop feeding the greedy and concentrate on the needy. I say NO TPPA.
Casey Davison	Keep Aotearoa the way it is, focus on the serious issues effecting our people that need the most support. Our vulnerable children and families. Put money in the areas that are REALLY important to the people of NZ, rich, poor or just getting by. TPPA is not the answer for these people - changing the flag is well and truly what these people need either!! FOCUS, PRIORITISE and SUPPORT!
Elizabeth Megan Gainsford	The TPPA takes away our democratic right to decide our own laws and policies in ways that best serve the national interest. It was negotiated in secret and there has been zero public input into the draft text of the agreement.
Kirsten Fathers	I am afraid, I haven't been this afraid since the 1980's and the nuclear threat. I am afraid that our government is seriously considering signing an agreement that undermines our own personal and governmental independance & soverignty. I am afraid that NZ will be sued by international corporations & other governements. It is important to me that we can make our own decisions. Please please do not sign away our independance. You do not, as a government have the right or mandate to do this. I do not give permission for you to do this, on my behalf or that of others.
Hazel Heal	In the past six months, I have been confronted with the effects of a global,monopolised big Pharmacy industry. It nearly cost me my life, and only the ingenuity of an Australian humanitarian saved me. I have pasted in a link to my story below. It is not free trade in medicines safeguarded under the TPP, but viciously protected trade for the extremely rich. Many new medicines of the biological and gene therapy type, for cancer, MS, Parkinson's etc are nearly ready to be launched- exciting, one would think, and save lives. Wrong. They will be a gun held to the head of governments, as is already happening, for much longer and large numbers of people will die waiting for a medicine that is cheap to produce. 250 Kiwis are dying each year here of hep c when a complete cure is available. 50,000 kiwis have the virus. Hep C has a lot of stigma attached so we have few defenders, but we will all face this corrupt, in human terms, blackmail sooner or later in our lives. I have also added a link with recent research showing drug companies spend 19 to 1 on marketing, over research and development. My story : http://www.odt.co.nz/news/dunedin/368046/hep-c-patient-goes-offshore-cure Pharmacy drug development priorities: www.medpagetoday.com/PublicHealthPolicy/HealthPolicy/34103 They calculated that, far from spending \$1.3 billion to develop each successful NCE, drug companies often shell out less than \$100 million. Of the purported \$1.3 billion average, "half... comes from estimating how much profit would have been made if the money had been invested in an index fund of pharmaceutical companies that increased in value 11% a year, compounded over 15 years," they wrote, citing the research center at Tufts University in Boston that produced the estimate (J Health Econ 2003;22:151-85). According to a published estimate by Lexchin and a different co-author, pharmaceutical companies spend only 1.3% of revenues on discovering NCEs versus 25% on promotion (PLoS Med 2008; 5:e1) "This hidden business model for pharmaceutical research, sales, and profits has long depended less on the breakthrough research that executives emphasize than on rational actors exploiting ever broader and longer patents and other government protections against normal free market competition," Light and Lexchin wrote in BMJ.

	<p>As an indigenous woman of this country who walks between the Maori and Pakeha worlds, I am very concerned about the TPPA and what this agreement may mean for myself and my future generations in our amazing Aotearoa. I work within our health industry and am concerned about the pharmaceutical influence that the TPPA will have. It concerns me that the TPPA has no transparency. Off-shore countries will be making decisions with no investment in our NZ future, only for profit. The TPPA does not profit NZers, but only private and offshore investors. Our Informations Act needs restructuring (as highlighted with the TPPA) as this should be maintaining transparency in decisions that are made, and therefore this Act is failing us as New Zealander's having the right to know what the TPPA is and what it means for us IN DETAIL. Our justice system manager often has lack of knowledge, and our courts only use a textual analysis and have no political input. A structural change is needed in regards to a constitution, human rights issues and values are often disregarded as priority over efficiency and profit. There is not a clear constitution in this country - a set of laws to abide to, relies on NZers to have a pragmatic approach and change as we go, and relies on NZers to be political activists and have knowledge and involvement in communities. I am concerned about what the TPPA will mean for our environment, flora and fauna. As the Treaty of Waitangi our founding document in agreement with the Crown aids in the protection of this, how is this document affected if sovereignty is removed? How will this affect indigenous rights? Rights of protection of our land and water? Please, as an ordinary, young, enthusiastic and open-minded New Zealander I ask, listen to the collective New Zealand, listen to our people. This after all is what a democracy is all about? Yours sincerely, Grace Leckie</p>
Olly	Some of the provisions are ridiculously detrimental to New Zealand. It is not just a business Mr Key, there is more at stake than that. Hang your head in shame if you succeed in mugging this country.
georgina mcgregor	The people's opinions count not just as votes for PMs ministers backbenchers
Anne Thomson	The use of the ISDS has been growing rapidly in recent years, and has often been used to overturn decisions taken to protect the health of the environment or of the population. As the world recognises the urgency of addressing climate change, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and not making use of most of the reserves already discovered, we cannot afford the possibility of fossil fuel companies using ISDS provisions to threaten governments that legislate to reduce the mining and burning of fossil fuels. In the same way, governments and communities must be able to legislate for healthy measures like plain packaging on tobacco without the threat of long and expensive law suits. The very fact that tobacco has been excluded from ISDS indicates that negotiators knew how real an issue this was.
Steve du Feu	The secrecy, lack of transparency and zero public debate has seriously undermined democratic process. The issues that concern me surrounding corporations being able to sue sovereign/elected governments and power given over to pharmaceutical companies to set prices and remove competitive tendering. I have not been presented any evidence of any benefit of the TPPA. On no account should the TPPA be ratified.
Paula Sala	We have seen the impact of weightings toward corporate interests in other countries and the negative consequences for families, children and the environment. Globalisation has benefited some but the environmental and social costs have been substantial. Social and environmental issues need to come to the fore and while there are competing or overwhelming influences over political process which the TPPA exacerbates we will not have fair and robust debate over our needs. America has much history and debate over actions that have happened outside of democratic process and people's needs and safety have been compromised. TPPA will benefit few, promises of past like other trade agreements and the selling of public assets have not fulfilled the promises but benefited a select few.

Kate Haley

I am against the New Zealand ratifying the TPPA for the reasons listed below: The US will withhold New Zealand's certificate of compliance with the TPPA until the US is satisfied that all changes it requires to New Zealand's domestic laws, policies and practices have been made. What this means in practice is that a new US administration (e.g. a Trump presidency) can renegotiate the agreement or add new terms and conditions using side-letters (a process with no public oversight). The US can withhold certification until further changes are made. If a country signs the TPPA but does not immediately ratify (i.e. make the TPPA part of domestic law) then that country may be required to make further concessions before certification. These concessions can be provisions not even mentioned in the trade agreement text. The TPPA provides assistance to GMO exporting countries by making it harder for other countries to independently regulate GM foods. A combination of information requirements, the TPPA's dispute procedures, and new working groups, together amount to a significant new level of pressure on TPPA governments to accept GM foods under 'mutual recognition' standards – those of the exporter. Procurement rules restrict government autonomy to mandate "green purchasing," such as requiring energy to come from renewable sources in government contracts. Such policies could be challenged for having the unintended "effect of creating an unnecessary obstacle to trade." The Treaty of Waitangi exception is limited in scope and relies on the good will of the government to protect Māori rights, which repeated Waitangi Tribunal reports show it has failed to do. The economic benefits for Māori come from 'tariff savings' of \$259 million when the agreement is fully implemented around 2030. This figure is both small and deceptive for various reasons. A requirement to provide patent extensions when there are delays in approving medicines. A new review mechanism for pharmaceutical companies to challenge PHARMAC's decisions. Patent extensions will cost about \$1 million a year, while setting up the PHARMAC review process will cost \$4.5 million upfront with \$2.2million a year in ongoing costs Global expanded market access for Big Pharma at monopoly prices dictated by industry. This will hit less developed countries hardest. It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Copyright term extensions, which involve an estimated financial cost of at least \$500 million (net present value), and which burden our students, educators, and libraries; Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for foreign investors but there are no provisions requiring foreign investors to keep profits in New Zealand. There are specific limits on policy making in areas such as investment screening, fiscal policy and economic development (through so-called "performance requirements"). A party to the TPPA can dispute an interpretation or application of the agreement by another party; or can bring a dispute if it believes the benefits expected from the TPPA have been "nullified or impaired" by the actions of another party - even if the rules were not broken. Investors can take claims to arbitration on the basis of alleged breaches of certain types of government contracts, something that New Zealand has never agreed to before. There is no requirement that investors seek remedies in New Zealand courts first, before initiating a claim under the TPPA. Decisions of domestic courts can be challenged under ISDS. There is no system of precedent and no appeal. The investment chapter highlights the intent to increase the power of global corporations by creating a supra-national court, or tribunal, where foreign firms can "sue" states and obtain taxpayer compensation for "expected future profits". The process can be used for a dispute on an investment contract involving natural resources, various public services and infrastructure, and for a dispute over an authorisation to invest. I adore the country that I was born in and raised in, I love the fact we are truly multicultural & we are proud of our sovereignty & democracy. We stand to lose more than we gain in the TPPA. Let's not burden our children with American Political policy & a litigious way of life. Sincerely Kate Haley

	I have many concerns about the TPPA. 1. The " chilling effect " upon Governments to not implement policy because of fear of legal action by large corporates. There are many examples of this behaviour if you do wish to find it. 2. NZ'ers have not been properly informed consulted or asked as to whether they are in favour of such an agreement. The General Election does not count. The full implications of the TPPA have not been fully explored or explained. There has been little effort made by Government to convince the public that this is beneficial for all New Zealanders. Some business leaders, farmers, economists have shown that so called 'growth of GDP' over future decades is within the margin of error and does not consider other ' off the balance sheet ' effects. In fact the use of GDP as a meaningful measure has been largely discredited over 20 years ago. History shows that when the USA enters into trade agreements it does not work for the people at the bottom. e.g. NAFTA. This had the effect, over time, of impoverishing many Mexicans resulting in them desperately crossing into the USA seeking work. This also affected US workers and lowered their standard of living also. This is obvious if you care to look. So now the US government is promoting more of the same " free trade ". There is no free lunch with free trade, and ordinary folks around the world are beginning to see through this 'story' for what it is ... a very Grimm fairy tale indeed. 3. This agreement grants Corporate giants and Multi-Nationals the right, and power, to sue Governments for implementing popular public policy for its people, albeit at the cost of shareholder value. This is a fundamental issue at the core of what defines a Democracy. Once the Corporates start calling the shots you have a Fascist Government, not a Democratic one. Also the Provisions surrounding the resolution of Disputes between Corporates and Governments is undemocratic and unaccountable to the public. This is totally unacceptable from a human rights perspective. 4. Pressure will mount to bring our economy into closer alignment with the USA! We already have \$15 electric jugs and toasters at Countdown and we don't really expect them to get any cheaper. The US has a very low minimum wage, with the working poor, and NZ does not need to follow. 5. The US economy is in terrible state, fighting wars, massive debts, and a failing economy. The US is seen by many people around the world as a crazy bull in a china shop with history of intervention and corruption. And you want to go under the sheets with a crazy bull! What will the Chinese think? Not to mention our trade embargo with Russia and Iran (recently lifted). 6. Why is the Government supporting an agreement that will diminish its own decision making power? I really don't know, especially since an economic analysis has shown the financial benefits to be small when compared to the long term costs. 7. I could go on but I want to finish with this. NZ as a nation state needs to be more independent and self sufficient in providing all of its citizens with a good basic standard of living and quality of life. The TPPA will not achieve this. I believe things will get worse for most New Zealanders if the TPPA is passed. The rich will get richer ... Thank you for your attention.
Philip	I am very perturbed that another trade agreement with manifold implications, a great many of them negative for most of the population, is on the table. The process done virtually by stealth by our government that is set on furthering the interests of the wealthy privileged sectors who already wield a highly disproportionate influence on the nation's livelihood. We need community consultations, far reaching, in depth, with panels of experienced persons to examine & analyse then disseminate what the implications of any such agreement will involve — with the democratic conclusion of a binding referendum.
Jacqueline du Fresne	In all the months that the topic has been in the news, the current government has done nothing to allay fears of the consequences of this agreement. Instead of providing facts to a concerned public, the pact has been negotiated in secret. New Zealand is a democracy, is it not? This causes me to think the agreement will not benefit members of the general public, the taxpayers. It is the job of a government to spend tax dollars to provide fairly for its people. Healthcare, education, infrastructure, employment ... but to my mind, this agreement is intended to protect the profits of global corporations. Corporations put profit before all else. They are beholden to the shareholders and do not care about the land, the sea, the air, nor about the citizens of a nation. This agreement is about selling the country off to big business. Future governments will be locked into this pact for generations while decisions about policy will be subjected to lawsuits taken by secret courts. On this matter, this government has not being honest with its citizens but has been arrogant and disparaging. I truly believe if this treaty is signed, the country is done for.
Mary Moore	This 'trade' deal contains too many clauses that are not related to trade but designed by Corporates to enable them to have more power and ability to sue our Government. The very fact that NZ will have to change current legislation that provides protection is reason enough to question why NZ Government should sign it. I understand that we already have trade relationships with most members of the TPPA so I believe real advantages are somewhat less than what has been forecast. It quite simply does not make sense for NZ to sign an agreement that is unfavourably biased against us. One that by all accounts could cost us more than we could ever gain.
Krista Kilmartin	I don't want to see my country sued by a corporation as I understand this could limit our rights as citizens, apart for the debt.
Claudia Lardies	I don't want to see my country sued by a corporation as I understand this could limit our rights as citizens, apart for the debt.

Tanya Didham	This so-called free trade agreement represents a serious danger to New Zealand's ability to write its own laws, and protect its citizens from corporate bullying. The benefits, if indeed there are any, are negligible for the average kiwi in the street; and the harm is potentially immense, for example in terms of increased medical costs; the inability of our government to make laws that interfere with corporate profiteering; and the consequent damage to our environment and public health. The risks of this agreement (along with TTIP and TISA) are a global threat to people's right to self-governance, further putting control of the world's resources and governments into the hands of a very few amoral corporate entities. I don't feel I need to write a huge essay here, the information (once secret) is now out there, and it is obvious to anyone interested in the truth that these agreements are detrimental in the extreme to human societies. I urge you in the strongest terms not to ratify the TPPA.
Terry Woods	Most of the TPPA is actually about limiting governments' powers to regulate. We need regulation to protect our environment, and our people. Secret courts are not ok. To avoid corruption we need more transparency, not more secrecy. It doesn't make sense to extend copyright laws beyond 50 years. Inadequate research has been done on the increased costs to our country. It's likely to make us worse off. It's not worth it to join this agreement.
Jeffrey Walshe	I am deeply concerned about the ISDS clauses in the TPPA agreement, it will override our own justice system. I am also very concerned about the future cost of our medicines. It is time for our Politicians of all parties to stop and listen to what the public have to say and stop thinking that they know best.
Errol Tumarae	I disagree whole heartedly with this deal which is I believe has nothing to do with trade. As a Maori this corporate deal will impinge on the very little indigenous right that we as the first nations people have in this country. How? by giving the govt of the day another excuse to breach obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi which successive govt do regular anyway. Now I've heard the rhetoric surrounding that there are provision to protect maori under this arrangement but that can not be relied upon as from my understanding that these disputes will be held outside our countries jurisdiction. I say whole heartedly NO to ratifying this undemocratic deal that will without a doubt impinge on our children children future
Mark Adams	I do not agree with New Zealand signing the TPPA on several grounds. Government should not have to fear being sued when they look to pass laws that could benefit our society. The health system is straining as it is, Pharmac's influence needs to be protected. It is of great benefit to New Zealanders and is seriously threatened by the deal. Our environment is suffering, both locally and internationally. The TPPA will not ensure that robust laws can be passed to prevent a worsening of the climate situation. Mark Adams
Anya duffy	It concerns me that this agreement as I understand it Allows for the following a new review mechanism for pharmaceutical companies to challenge PHARMAC's decisions. It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. I do not think New Zealand should sign this agreement, as a kiwi who's great grandfather was the mayor fighting to make auckland a place for the kiwis of the future like myself and protecting our harbour (sir dove Myer Robinson) it's saddening to see lack of integrity in our government and the the willingness to listen to the people of NZ today.
susan gregory	Please reconsider. We do not have to be 'In' or 'Out' - there can be a far superior negotiated settlement which refuses to compromise our ability to run our country as the vast majority of us would wish. Personally, I fear us losing our right to make decisions for the greater good of our people. Can you tell me why profit-driven corporations should have the right to dictate our laws, our democratic rights, our choices and our future? I personally value our nuclear-free, and our non-GE status. Can you please explain to me why you think these are worth sacrificing in exchange for the very nebulous trade benefits (check C R this morning) Do you not think that just one multi-million ISDS would effectively negate any increased (debatable?) GDP gains? Please please let me know your reasoning here.. Yours in sincere hope of an explanation Sue Gregory
Aroha	Why the hell would we want other countries, if anything goes wrong to be sued by these companies, why?, Now as for the treaty of waitangi this is my country, my ancestors, my tupuna belong here, we have already as a maori lost so much, i cant even own my own home here, why do i have to struggle in my own country?!!, It is my duty to stand against oppressors for my children and future generations. NO TO TPPA!!.

Kay McRae	The impact of the TPPA on the lives of futures generations is unknown. We appear to be giving big corporations the power to take over the rights of New Zealanders. Already the Government has admitted the increase in costs for medicines however the far reaching costs to healthcare and the eroding of our publicly funded healthcare for all is under attack. The erosion of state funded education is also under threat. The charter school providers in the USA will be able to take control of our state run schools and profit will be sent overseas and our children will suffer the consequences.
James Smith	I oppose your secret dealings John Key , No TPPA for New Zealand
Darren Brown	How can something so impactful upon New Zealand not be given the appropriate due diligence by the people, or at least be put to public vote?
Simon Crowther	I feel that the TPPA is an act of treason. We elect our governments to represent us and they do not have the right to cede this power to other parties. A treaty like the TPPA is not necessary to facilitate trade between countries: a simple agreement to limit trade tariffs is all that is required. The TPPA goes far beyond any requirement to facilitate trade and is a mechanism to curb sovereign power. Whoever the TPPA benefits, it is certainly not the citizens of New Zealand and must surely contravene the Treaty of Waitangi. John Key's government has no mandate to ratify the TPPA: doing so is treason in every sense of the word.
Maddy Schafer	Hello TPPA Select Committee people, and thanks for your efforts to hear feedback on this super important issue. I think the risk to potential benefit ratio of the TPPA is too high to make it worth-while and I ask you to recommend it not be ratified. Yesterday I was reading an article about how pharmaceutical companies are increasingly price-gouging with off patent drugs, so cheap and affordable medicines increase in price by sometimes several thousand percent. It's disgusting. Obscene. I'm concerned this could happen to us if Pharmac loses its power to bulk buy generic medicines. And what if we can't say no? What if in future we want to make a big change, like Germany wanting to stop using nuclear power, and we face a 6 BILLION dollar lawsuit under the ISDS? Sure, Australia managed to defend their lawsuit against the tobacco companies, and I wonder how much that defence cost their tax payers. I detest that the TPPA would make us subject to secret tribunals and negotiations. What the heck??? We're supposed to just roll over and take it, whatever they decide? Stop this! I know we need free trade agreements, but I am not convinced this one is worth the risks it entails. Please recommend that it not be ratified. We need an agreement which is founded on transparency - how ever much longer that means the process takes - so we know what we're getting into and we can agree to it. Thank you maddy
Richard Seigne	I wish to express my opposition to the New Zealand Government negotiating in secret and then signing, with no meaningful public consultation, the TPPA. I am concerned as a doctor how this may impact on the ability for future governments to legislate to protect the public from commercial interventions that are known to cause disease. I am concerned that the cost of medications and will increase and this will result in less taxpayers money available public spending. I am concerned that multi-national organisations can influence the government's ability to do what is best for New Zealanders. I am concerned about the weak and flawed appeals processes within the TPPA.
David smissen	The process that has been followed to get this treaty into force has been undemocratic and quite clearly dictated by government. We, the ordinary electorate have been denied both knowledge of and input to the process at all stages. Now we are told that we have only a few weeks to read and analyse a 6000 page document of great complexity, interpret and evaluate the statements for and against its provisions, and then communicate concerns and critique to you, our representatives. This is a charade not a consultative process. What is clear is that the details provided to us by our government are inaccurate and that there is clear cause for concern over the projected economic benefits to New Zealand and the threats to our sovereignty and judicial and government processes. The process to bring this treaty into force in its current form must be stopped now and a full and proper communication with the citizens of this country started to allow us to approve or change what is proposed.

	<p>The negative consequences of the TPPA far outweigh the benefits it will bring to New Zealand, chiefly the undermining of our democracy, the real threat corporate power has to influence our own political process, and the risk these issues in turn generate for our environment and current and future climate and emissions reduction policy. Under the TPPA, our sovereignty is affected as foreign firms can sue the state (effectively us, the taxpayers) perhaps billions as compensation for loss of profits, this investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) clause potentially meaning that a loss by the government in any such case would threaten to erase any monetary benefit from the TPPA entirely. Furthermore, investors can take claims to arbitration on the basis of alleged breaches of certain types of government contracts, and the decisions of domestic courts can be challenged under the ISDS, two prospects New Zealand has never before agreed to. The TPPA makes a mockery of the proud democracy New Zealand claims to be. The process of drafting, terms agreement and signing is Orwellian in its disregard for proper democratic procedure, being negotiated in total secrecy with zero public notification, lacking any form of formal Parliamentary debate (also a largely unprecedented act from the Beehive), and the total pointlessness of public submissions only being accepted by the Select Committee AFTER the deal has been signed. This gesture shouldn't be symbolic, in fact it shouldn't even be called a gesture but a right of the public to influence the policy that affects them! Moreover, the National Interest Analysis appointed to review the TPPA is compromised by the fact that it is approved by the current National government, who cast an entirely economic lens over the agreement therefore any such review board cannot be considered without incentive and independent. Finally, if our laws aren't quite up to the standard or requirement of the US as the TPPAs administrator, we can be forced to change them in order to comply with the agreement. Why we would want our laws to be more compatible with gun-toting and prejudiced America is beyond me. Under the TPPA, the stringency of environmental protection measures breaks no new ground, leaving New Zealand's climate policy, landscapes and fisheries vulnerable (again) to the ISDS. The government can be sued if increased emissions charges were levied under the Emissions Trading Scheme, or if the mining of fossil fuels was restricted in some way. Indeed, the TPPA investment chapter gives foreign investors, including some of the world's largest fossil fuel corporations, expansive new rights to challenge climate protections in unaccountable trade tribunals. This includes the power for investors to demand compensation for climate policies that do not conform to their "expectations" or that they claim reduce the value of their investment. These challenges would be brought before trade tribunals, comprised of three private lawyers who could order governments to pay fossil fuel firms for the profits they hypothetically would have earned if the climate protections being challenged had not been enacted. Fossil fuel corporations, including ExxonMobil and Chevron, have used similar rules in past agreements to challenge policies. Targeted policies have included a natural gas fracking moratorium in Canada, a court order to pay for oil pollution in Ecuador, and environmental standards for a coalfired power plant in Germany. With our vast area of territorial waters, it should also be an expectation that New Zealand pushes for better progress on the issue of eliminating large-scale domestic illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing within our EEZ, not just for the environmental advantages this creates in more productive seas, but the economic opportunities healthier fish stocks can have for us. For the points highlighted and countless more, encompassing considerations of pharmaceuticals, IP and the Treaty, please do not sign on to the TPPA unless significant refinement of its terms are implemented.</p>
Matthew Haussrer	I am appalled at the way this entire process has been handled, the extreme derision that the national party has shown for democracy and open and honest debate has made me incredibly sad and angry, and despondent as to the future of the society we know and love. The secrecy and lack of information around this deal is terrible, and should not be tolerated. I urge the select committee to take seriously the impact that signing this agreement will have on future generations, who have their ability to govern themselves curtailed by the actions of a small minority in power who will then be long dead. I urge the select committee to seriously consider the precedent that is being set by allowing non-human entities - such as corporations and multi-national companies - to have a say in how (and what) laws are formed. We will ultimately find ourselves even more in a position of governments "being in power" but not being 'in charge' - because their freedoms to make laws that are best for their populace are often not best for the salaries of corporate directors and CEOs. Lastly, the impact that this agreement has on extending the reach of American power into the world is scary. The extension of an old and obsolete system, the patent system, is a terribly backwards idea that will stifle innovation and goes against all good advice - it is quite simply those in power trying to maintain their iron grasp on a foundation that is crumbling from under them. For the sake of our environment, our children, grandchildren, and the enjoyable life we have in Aotearoa, I urge the select committee to reject this agreement.
craig waterworth	The potential (not actual) economic gains of TPPA seem tiny when balanced against our loss of sovereignty. Drug prices will be higher, we could be sued by foreign corporations and our ability to construct new legislation will be impeded. I'm also concerned that Maori were not properly consulted - If the protections around the Treaty are so good, then why are so many Maori against it? Also, if the flag is important enough to go to a referendum then surely TPPA is...

mark hampson	my forebears [judge rogan- maori land court] came here in the plymouth party. my grandchild is pure 6th generation kiwi. my great uncle was severely wounded fighting for this country in ww 1. my father same, leaving major bits of his body in the desert ww 2. now, would it not be a courtesy for you to consult on critical decisions affecting my countrys future? i am disgusted that this 'treaty' will deprive us of the basic right to natural, quality foods, and natural medicines. i fear for the future health of this once special land & people. mark & debbie hampson & family
Jacob	The U.S-led TPPA (and concurrent agreements TISA and TTIP) have been drafted in partnership with multinational corporations while government officials and citizenry have been excluded. Nestle use slave labour on the Ivory Coast and sell stolen water; Bayer's neonicotinoid insecticides have been linked with massive bee population die-offs. Monsanto seek to control food supply using genetic modification, seed copywriting and bullying. BP, perpetrators of the largest oil spill in history, last year had their drills targeting the Arctic. These people and institutions should be standing trial in The Hague for crimes against humanity, not determining the rules of global economy for the rest of us.
Renee Sadlier	Its not OK to lie to new Zealand we don't want the tppa we don't want the crap it brings such as GMO foods and less human Rights
Paora thompson	Just some issues that will affect nz? Yea right. We as New Zealanders have
Martina Tschirky	The TPPA might improve export figures slightly but it is a very bad deal for the majority of New Zealanders. I want our government to pull out of this mad deal
Lisa Eparaima	Personally I don't care how much fraudulent debt we NZ citizens have been enslaved to by foreign corporations and private investment banks. That DOES NOT give them the right to dictate policy in a country they are not privy to as they are NOT sovereign citizens of NZ. As far as I'm concern this Trans pacific foreign investment agreement is an act of subversive sovereignty violation outlined in the 1961 NZ Crimes Act treason against the sovereign state and public order that the public service NZ Government SHOULD NOT be engaging in. As a sovereign citizen of NZ I demand that the current government withdraws from the TPPA and dislodges all future policies related to it.
David Pont	The lack of openness is a sure sign this is a dirty deal.
Tom Hunsdale	I completely and utterly oppose the TPPA. It is not a trade agreement, it is selling our rights to govern ourselves as we see fit. It will end democracy. The TPPA is a mechanism that will adversely affect the ability of future NZ governments to implement legislation in our country. Either through being sued by corporations who feel their profits are affected or by the implicit threat of such action.
Talei Watson	I am concerned for my childrens/grandchildrens future in a world that is fast becoming violent, unhealthy & corrupt. Even if the TPPA was the best thing since sliced bread, the majority of NZers are against it, and their will should be heard by a just and lawful government. The very fact that we are being ignored, proves to me that the national government has been bought and paid for by the corporations, who have their hidden agendas. I am concerned that we have to change our laws to "fit" the TPPA. I am also concerned that there is no way out. Why is there no expiration date that can be renewed if the deal is favourable? Please listen to your voters. Hear us. Be brave enough to walk away from this corporate takeover.
Krystal	Hundreds of local law experts and politicians are against the idea of the TPPA because it doesn't seem to bring us much benefit, and this at the cost of our health and environment. We need our government to make laws protecting our citizens and environment. We need to be out of reach of corporate power.
Darryl Wilson	This treaty hands too much power to offshore corporations. The Parliament of New Zealand must oppose any legislation related to this treaty, lest our elected Parliament itself become unable to legislate in the interests of the New Zealand people.
Jason Henson	I understand the history behind ISDS provisions, but I do not consider this outdated and dangerous technique to be desirable or required considering the influence that capitalism has extended itself into our society. The TPPA uses this technique and puts us at the mercy of large corporations, completely unnecessary in the modern world. I understand copyright and its need in society, but at some point IP, patents and technology needs to be enter the public domain where it can be developed freely and openly by fresh eyes and unorthodox thinkers for the good of all. The value of the public domain is far-reaching and absolutely priceless. The TPPA hinders our growth as a species almost to the point of stagnation. I understand, but often do not agree with, the way society changes the environment and extracts resources, but I do not believe the cost of the changes and extractions are properly valued by corporations or the public at large. Any legislation must take an extremely cautious approach to our environment, the TPPA does not do this.
Kegan Wilson	I really don't think we need to move tppa up, our country is algood as it is.

Paul Skilling	Please do not sign the TPPA. For the middle class of New Zealand, this seems to be a terrible idea. We will be swallowed up in a global scheme to get rich quick and it will have a detrimental effect upon the 'working class'
Mayan Schraders	I am appalled at the process of the TPPA negotiations. They are counter to any democratic principles. There has been no independent consultation, and all these negotiations have taken place behind closed doors. How is it possible in a democracy like ours that we the public have zero input and zero impact on a decision so powerful and so binding for many years into the future?! Secondly it seems outrageous to me that the US - in actual fact powerful multi billion dollar corporations- can dictate our laws. If we don't comply we will be thrown out of the TPPA, which at that point will have negative effects on our economy. Now is the time to prevent that from happening by not ratifying the treaty. The majority of New Zealanders are against signing the TPPA, but despite that it was signed. I urge you to listen to the people and not ratify this treaty. The cost is extremely high while the gains are marginal.
Ash	Dont do it! I don't trust those who are putting it through! Where theres smoke, theres fire. Usually.
craig	i dont think anything could be good about this deal the best outcomes seem to be minimal to balance the best outcomes so no nonono
Raven Mason - Noone	I oppose the TPPA because I feel that it will be detrimental to the humanity of our citizens. I believe that it will allow big corporations to gain power over our human rights, for their own financial gain. I do not feel that the benefits will be of great significance to our economy. I actually feel that it will be a detriment to our economy because we are only a small nation. The government are talking it up to us as if we are guaranteed 800 million customers when obviously this is not the case. Do we have enough resources to deliver to those 800 million potential customers? Clearly not. A nation of 4 million including children to make gains from 800 million potential customers? I do not think so. I feel like our right to say no has been stripped from us. Our government has just gone ahead and signed this without even telling us what we are signing up for. They have only told us what they want us to know. For what reason? It is unfair. This is outright wrong. We have no say. In fact a lot of people don't even know what the TPPA is or what's in it. I do not want my children to be slaves in this world.
Karen Margaret Lee	As a New Zealander it is my duty to stand up and protect our country in the face of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). I am of both European and Maori decent and have lived in New Zealand all my life this land is sacred to me and I will not stand by and watch it destroyed by corporate greed. The Government is meant to represent the people it serves and work in their best interest. This is best achieved through open and honest discussion of the facts with Maori (as promised in the Tiriti o Waitangi) and other effected parties eg the public. However the New Zealand Government has done nothing but hidden behind closed doors and given no chance for public debate. In short the New Zealand Government has acted against the democracy they stand on. Climate change is a very real issue facing the world today. I grew up in the 100% Pure New Zealand and was proud to be able to say that New Zealand was a world leader in sustainable energy and other areas of environmental protection. However in recent years we have moved further and further away from pure and now our environmental protection is something to be ashamed of. I believe that this will only get worse if we agree to the TPPA. The Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) rules could be used to sue the government if increased emissions charges were levied under the Emissions Trading Scheme - or if the mining of fossil fuels was restricted in some way. Protecting the environment in anyway is likely to effect the profits of corporations but their profits are not more important than our future and the future of our children. The ISDS effectively stops the government from acting in the best interest of the people of New Zealand which is the very reason they are in power. The TPPA will put pressure on the government to accept GM foods another danger to our environment and our health. The health of everyday New Zealanders will also be effected by the new costs that PHARMAC will incur when it is already underfunded. Patent extensions will also mean that big corporations will be able to keep their monopoly for longer and patients will not get access to more affordable medicines in a timely manner. As a recent graduate and Early Childhood Teacher I know the importance of having access to material for research. An extended copyright term means content aggregators and reproduction rights organisations can demand an increase in fees: the usage paid for is now extended by 20 years. Paying licence fees for a longer duration will in practice mean reduced academic library collections, and poorer access to materials for researchers and students. This is not good enough, we are always going on about how we want an educated and skills workforce and the TPPA will make this much harder to achieve. To close I want to make my opposition to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement very clear. As a representative of both partners in Te Tiriti o Waitangi, as a New Zealander, as a voter, as a human I know that this agreement does not have the best interests of people at its core. The New Zealand Government as representatives of the people charged with protecting the best interests of the people needs to put people before corporate power and greed and refuse to ratify the TPPA. Kia kaha (stay strong), Karen Lee
KIT JONES	Do not allow TPPA to come to a vote because the people do not want to lose our democracy & sovereignty. Globalization is a non-starter, to say the least. For the people.

Heather Garland	I am not happy about this at all...as it's not democratic, this is a corporate backed agenda, putting corporational rights above the people of New Zealand and the people of the other countries involved. Any politician who is for this, does not speak for their constituents. Just because they got voted in, does not give them autonomy over this TPPA, if they want to go against their people, then they are a party to us all becoming corporational slaves and this is definitely not patriotic act and in my mind anyone for it are either stupid or traitors to this country and their people. If the corporations are paying you to vote 'yes' for their scheme...remember money cannot be taken with you, the legacy of destroying your beautiful country will be...and you will be demonized for generations to come...if that is what you want to be remembered for, keep going down your treasonous road.
Celia Briar	Much has been written about how we love and support democracy. But TPPA undermines the power of the democratically elected central and local government. If we try to promote our local economy, use local knowledge to get the best suppliers we risk being sued. And it undermines the Treaty of Waitangi as the founding document of the state in New Zealand.
Emily King	I do not agree with the TPPA agreement and do not want the New Zealand government to sign it.
Cliff Hart	I don't want us to be part of a treaty that allows foreign big business to affect local laws.
Robert Schraders	I take this opportunity to register my abhorrence with the secrecy around the TPPA negotiations so far, and the blatant ignoring by the New Zealand government of the public cry for involvement in the process. The often touted defence the TPPA proponents use that "trade deals are commercially sensitive, so should always be done in private" may be understandable from a commercial point of view, but certainly not in agreements between governments. On top of that, the TPPA is not about free trade, it is a secret agreement to control and limit the sovereignty of 11 countries and shape their democratic processes to fit in with regulations United States lawmakers and multinational companies demand. Assurances that governments retain the right to regulate for the public benefit are misleading. In fact, every time the government weakens its regulation, there is a ratchet effect. The lower level of regulation risks being locked in for the future. This poses particular problems in New Zealand, where risk-tolerant, light-handed regulation has become the norm. Finance company collapses, leaky buildings, workers' deaths in mines and forests, all show how vital it is to preserve our sovereignty. It is impossible to predict the regulations that New Zealand will need in decades to come, especially in responding to the crisis of climate change, the internet of things, disruptive technologies, financial volatility, societal changes and economic transformation. Handcuffing future government regulation through the TPPA is dangerous. New Zealand will effectively become a place at the US beck-and-call with no chance to increase living wages of other social improvement, as multinationals may challenge us on their loss of profit. Any improvement in income from timber, dairy, wine and other primary products (the ones we most rely on) will also be challenged. The only way to avoid losing the challenges (multinational companies have a lot of money and shrews corporate lawyers) and having to pay out millions of dollars will be to avoid being challenged in the first place: o no smoke-free policies o no basic living wages o no development of alternative energies o no closing of coal mines o no stop to oil exploration or fracking Instead, we can expect: o poverty (already apparent in some parts of the US with people living on the street or in their car) o increase in cost of pharmaceuticals (which has already happened in preparation of the signing of the TPPA in the US) o scorched earth policy (any improvement to the environment will also be seen as a loss of profit) o meltdown of interpersonal support and understanding (if I don't rip you off, you'll probably do it to me) As well as the negative impact on society from the TPPA as it stands now, US corporate lawmakers are known to hollow out new legislation and add completely non-relevant new parts to legislation. Result: we know how bad the TPPA is for New Zealand now, but we have no idea how much worse it will be once US interests and lawmakers have given it a once or twice over--all of course in secret again... TPPA? NO WAY!

The touted economic growth the TPPA is supposed to bring will largely benefit transnational corporations. This will come at the expense of the citizenry of New Zealand whose rights will be substantially disadvantaged in favour of corporate rights and interests that take priority over local power. In the case of New Zealand it will become much harder for the New Zealand government to look after our environment, promote health, protect workers and consumers, protect our cultural heritage and promote the public interest. Why did the general public not have access to drafts of the TPPA or New Zealand parliamentarians for that matter? One official in the form of Tim Groser is hardly sufficient. The security arrangements surrounding the document have clouded transparency which is further undermined with the leaked information regarding a new supranational legal regime that will allow transnational corporations to bypass domestic courts and drastically curtail New Zealand's legislative sovereignty. The drafts of the various chapters on the environment also remained beyond the oversight of the general public. By contrast 600 "trade advisers" representing the interests of large US corporations such as Chevron, Haliburton and Monsanto were all granted previews of crucial sections of the treaty text. As one senator in the United States commented, "This continues the great American tradition of corporations writing trade agreements, sharing them with almost nobody, so often at the expense of consumers, public health and workers". It is common for a small number of transnational corporations (TNCs) to account for 80% of the trade in specific agricultural products. Monsanto is a major player in this field and clearly invested in the TPPA. New Zealand is heavily dependent on its agricultural economy and in recent years there has been a growing level of consciousness amongst our producers about diverse, sustainable and environmentally-friendly farming practices. The TPPA will subject our local producers to what are billed "necessity tests". These tests require the NZ government to adopt measures for conservation, environment or human health purposes that offer the least resistance to commercial interests. To do otherwise would be considered a barrier to trade and invite a legal response from a TNC like Monsanto that possesses enormous litigation budgets and the power under the TPPA to circumvent the laws of New Zealand, incapacitating and probably wiping out entire industries supportive of sustainable environmental practices. The impact on the physical environment could be enormous. A TNC like Monsanto aggressively promotes and employs the use of harmful goods such as chemical products that are banned in NZ. Their proliferation under the auspices of the TPPA would threaten our ecological security. In addition our ability to transform ourselves into an "ecological democracy" where New Zealanders subject to ecological risk must be involved in or represented in decision-making that may involve or generate ecological risk, will become null and void because of the TPPA's broad reach into local governance. The Biotech Industry Organisation who represent the world's largest GMO countries like Monsanto and Cargill have stated that they want GM labelling restricted under the TPPA. Under the TPPA the measures that NZ is taking to move us away from "dirty energy" and our dependency on fossil fuels and protect our coastline through regulation of deep-sea drilling would risk major challenges by overseas corporations where the intention is first and foremost to protect trade and not the environment. The draft chapter of the TPPA – 'Enforcement' – obtained by WikiLeaks details new policing measures, with far-reaching implications for individual rights and civil liberties as well as for the creative, intellectual, biological and environmental commons. Particular measures proposed as mentioned previously include supranational litigation tribunals to which sovereign national courts are expected to defer but which have no human rights safeguards. In the area of internet services the TPPA will facilitate policing of the internet by the content industry which will restrict internet freedom and access to information which has huge ramifications for libraries and schools and the field of education. Creativity and innovation will be stifled. I strongly believe that the asymmetrical power relations embedded in the TPPA undermine democratic self-determination which is our communal expression of the principles of equality and autonomy that lie at the heart of the idea of human rights. The TPPA has been drafted by a few for many, favourable to political and cultural homogenisation but hostile to difference and diversity: two variables that provide vitality and human flourishing in our world and for me are essential components of human rights. The international legal regime as proposed by the TPPA that allows transnational corporations to bypass domestic courts, write the rules of trade in ways that expose us to legal disputes and litigious action while all the while making profits at the expense of local and indigenous communities hardly falls within the realm of international human rights norms. Currently in NZ a group of leading Maori academics and esteemed leaders among whom are prominent Maori women is currently challenging the government's actions in negotiating the TPPA, seeing it as a breach of the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. They state that the TPPA procedurally and substantively prejudices them and undermines the guarantees to Maori under the Treaty of Waitangi to exercise their tino rangatiratanga in governance decisions that affect them. Under the TPPA iwi and hapū will be unable to fulfil their obligations as kaitiaki towards their taonga – yet these kaitiaki obligations are central to the survival of Māori culture. Riding roughshod over indigenous rights under the guise of bringing about modernisation and economic growth promulgates the myth that colonised peoples and cultures lack the required values for modern economic, social, political and even cultural development and that somehow assistance in the form of trade treaties like the TPPA will remedy these "deficiencies". The TPPA is clearly a classic case of a coercive movement that threatens cultural liberty. Cultural liberty is a human right and an important aspect of human development. It is thus worthy of state action and attention – not subversion. The power of the TPPA is huge, its impact on local and indigenous communities substantial but often obfuscated. Its hidden bite relates not just to the invidious consequences of its implementation which will undoubtedly follow the well-trodden trail of other trade agreements ostensibly seeking to promote economic growth yet delivering the reverse but also because democratic rights and

	<p>obligations are being railroaded behind a veil of secrecy that needs to be removed. More people need to join the fray as without a clear disavowal of its <i>raison d'être</i> it will substantially disadvantage the citizenry of New Zealand by giving corporate rights and special interests priority over local power. The ramifications for civil liberties, individual rights, the environment, women, indigenous communities and the public interest are far-reaching. It will undoubtedly mean wages and protections dropped to the lowest world-wide common denominator and further enrichment and political empowerment of the 1% of the global elite. In the words of WikiLeaks' Editor-in-Chief Julian Assange, "If you read, write, publish, think, listen, dance, sing or invent; if you farm or consume food; if you're ill now or might one day be ill, the TPP has you in its crosshairs."</p>
Dean Murray	I am concerned that large corporations will have the ability to affect the will of the people of Aotearoa through the ISDS or even the threat of legal action. I am also concerned that trying to compete with industries who have lower standards of living will force our wages down. Finally I absolutely disagree with any contracts of such national importance being negotiated in secret.
steven smith	I find the loss of our sovereignty to corporate control to be treason. Nobody gave you the right to sell our democracy down the corporate drain.
Cory Tuirirangi	I think that any agreement which gives greater powers to foreign tribunals over our own government is dangerous territory, (ISDS). Any negative impact to public health makes no sense on any level. \$1.7 b over the next decade is by no means a good trade off against what we lose as a country. This country would be a much better place if this government looked at ways to protect its people and economy/environment not the profits and over reaching powers like the TPPA give to big corporation
paddy field	The decisions that affect all people in their daily lives will be in the hands of faceless invisible untouchable groups. These groups have only more and bigger profits as their reason for existence .Power over our own lives must be upheld . Technology advances make this more doable than ever before. We must and shall fight for our rights
Kaye Edwards	I am concerned about a number of possible impacts of the TPPA: 1. The influence and power of large NZ and multinational companies on our policies and direction. 2. The impact on our environment and our ability to make changes to legislation to protect ourselves and our environment. As social attitudes change and the impact of certain activities becomes clear, we may not be able to take adequate precautions for fear of being sued by the corporations. 3. The cost and availability of medicines to the general public. If drug companies are able to retain a copyright for longer, costs will remain higher for longer, and as Pharmac only has a budget of X, it is obvious that certain medicines will not be available for the general public and that advanced health care will only be there for the wealthy who can afford to pay for it themselves. 4. The role of the ISDS and the fact that the hearings will be in secret. 5. The loss of control of our government as power is handed to the ISDS and corporations. 6. The increased surveillance of our internet use. 7. Possible general increased costs in other areas as corporations retain more power and control. 8. The fact that this has been negotiated in private suggests there is something to hide.
Tes Simpkins	I am unable to make comment as the whole TPPA thing is abhorrent to me, big cats getting bigger whilst screwing the little fish. Its a sad world. where governments let corporate matters overtake the good of the common man.
Scott Bowater	Let the people of New Zealand hold the power of our country . God defend our free land ! We don't need this TPP agreement , New Zealand is doing fine without it. Our small country needs to be flexible and able to adapt to the fast changing planet , not to be tied down .
Maya Meyer	Hi, my name is Maya and I live and work at Opoutere Beach. My work as a community events organiser helps to empower people in their communities, and is a mutually beneficial relationship. This relationship is based on TRUST and personal connections, something integral to New Zealanders which will be threatened by letting the TPPA infiltrate into our laws and thus way of life. Please take a broader vision! Think about the generations to come and what your position is asking you to do; it is to LISTEN to the voices that are speaking out. These voices are also speaking for the people who are unable to speak out due to limited resources. You have a RESPONSIBILITY towards all the people of New Zealand, and surely in your heart you know these arrangements with CORPORATE GREED & CONTROL is NOT going to benefit NZ businesses in the long run. It is very obvious to me that John Key does not care about this country, do you?
Rodney Brunton	New Zealand does not need this TPPA. We need to negotiate a better deal for the interests and values of New Zealanders.

Huia Minogue	The TPPA signs away NZ's ability to make laws without being sued by corporations. The TPPA raises the cost of healthcare and our ability to legislate about our health system freely. The TPPA is not in line with the treaty of waitangi, our founding document. The TPPA limits our ability to take assertive action against climate change and to protect our environment. The TPPA is set up in a totally non-democratic way with small committees able to make decisions in secret on highly important matters that will affect all New Zealanders. All this should not be ceded for the measly return of maybe 0.01% of GDP. I say NO to the TPPA.
John Peters	I accept that it will be very difficult for New Zealand not to be part of an agreement such as the TPPA. However, and it is a big however, this membership CANNOT BE AT ANY COST - and it is evident this is what has happened. The New Zealand negotiators failed badly to sufficiently protect New Zealanders against the worst aspects of the conditions demanded by the bigger players, particularly the US, in order to be "in the club". While there might have been great celebration at the conclusion of the negotiations, there is little or no sense of a good outcome. And one of the worst, and most telling aspects of the process for New Zealanders has been the demonstrated willingness of the negotiators and the government as a whole, to demand New Zealanders' trust, while publicly and arrogantly berating those with real interest and concerns in the content and the process as "idiots" and "ill-informed". Quite clearly this approach at the negotiating stage does not build confidence that any dealings relating to TPP in the future will be open to the people of our democracy, or be exercised or completed in their best interests. Taking Pharmaceuticals as an example. "Big Pharma has always sought to undermine Pharmac. The official government assertion, that any increase in costs will not cost users more, is disingenuous to say the least. The admission that there will be cost increases is one thing, the fact that these will be absorbed by government and not passed on to users is totally duplicitous - believe it or not some of us do realise that taxpayers are the users of the health system and any increased costs to taxpayers has to be reflected in reduction of government elsewhere - ie users DO PAY. Establishing a separate international legal jurisdiction for the sole use of corporate powers, when there are already such proven international legal processes in place, is all the evidence that anyone could require that there is an intention to circumvent any members' established law processes for the benefit of the large corporate interests. And using the excuse that "these provisions already exist in other trade deals" is totally unacceptable: Surely the experiences of those deals, in such as the Canadian oil companies, German nuclear power decisions, Latin American environment concerns etc should reinforce that these are not good provisions to carry forward but should have encouraged negotiators to seek alternatives - one can almost hope they didn't know of these examples, because to accept them as a valid way to progress New Zealand's international interests defies understanding, and certainly does not build confidence in their capability to represent our best interests in the negotiations. It is accepted that New Zealand is a small country, that our negotiating leverage is small. However that does not mean that our negotiators should settle for "the best we could have possibly got" when the cost to New Zealand's democracy, independence and sovereignty is so unacceptably high. And you might write me off as one of the "ill-informed idiots I have previously been accused of by Minister Groser. I am neither - I am an experienced senior executive in both the private and public sectors; I have read what I have been able to access throughout this process; I have listened to proponents and opponents - and I have drawn my own conclusions: we have been badly let down in what was achieved around the negotiating table, we have been out maneuvered by bigger and better players, and we have ended up with a last place position in a very important international tournament. And huge damage has been done to the trust and confidence that thinking New Zealanders such as myself previously held in our previously uncompromising democratic process and in our national government.
Leo Ramakers	I refuse any consent for you to sign this agreement on my community's behalf
Richard Green	The TPPA is not about FREE trade. It is the endgame of a cancerous, creeping corporate takeover of national sovereignty, open democracy and human free will. NEW ZEALAND MUST NOT SIGN.
john weatherall	The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Grace Elliott	The TPPA amounts to the economic colonization of our nation. Any American legislators who vote for it will be voting to over-ride the provisions of the Constitution which put the ultimate power in the American elected officials, not a multinational corporate tribunal. A vote for the the TPPA is a betrayal on a level with treason.

Paul Waite	We elect our governments to govern us, and as part of the democratic process we agree that the Government will take decisions, on our behalf, which will benefit us all. However implicit to this social contract is the understanding that the Government will not take decisions which are so deep and far-reaching as to change our way of life here in New Zealand, without consulting widely and acquiring a specific mandate via a referendum. An example of this contract being honoured abroad is the UK Government undertaking a referendum on whether Britain should stay in the EU. There was also a referendum back in 1973 on whether to join the EU. This was because joining that large economic community had/has deep ramifications to everyone in the UK. But here in New Zealand it seems the Government thinks it is ok to simply ram us all into a similarly wide-reaching agreement which will change all our lives, without telling us what it will mean (I don't count PR tours as useful in this regard) or consulting any of us. This is totally unacceptable.
Jenny Easton	The most serious issue currently facing the world is climate change and the need for all countries to quickly and permanently reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The TPP does not enable this, and there are indications from the ISDS process that TPP will prevent countries from taking actions to reduce exploration, export and production of fossil fuels, and minerals. The wording of the legal challenge to US Govt by the Canadian company for prohibiting the completion of the Keystone pipeline is the same wording in the TPP. The ISDS process is completely biased towards corporations, deprives countries of their sovereignty. If NZ does decide to ratify the TPP (and I strongly submit that it shouldn't) NZ should follow European Union's proposal for a proper international judicial system for settling disputes. Distorting the NZ economy towards export will reduce the workforce by an estimated 6,000 during 2015-2015, and reduce the Labor share of GDP by negative 1.45%. The TPP will also lead to losses in GDP and non-TPP countries due to losses in the EU, China and India. Thus significantly undermining possible gains from trade. [Global Development and Environment Institute at Tufts University GDAE working paper 16-01].
Brenda Capper-Starr	Kia Ora I am writing to express my complete opposition to the TPP on the basis that it is an undemocratic document that serves to divest us of our rights as citizens and as a country placing these instead in the hands of corporate interests. As I understand no human rights, climate/environmental, public health and welfare professionals were consulted in the long process of drafting this document - only those with corporate interests were involved. This is clearly reflected in the secrecy exhibited throughout the entire journey of this document to our parliament for ratification. This document will change our laws in ways that show no regard for the needs of this nation and its citizenry but rather completely tilt in favour of corporate interests and profits at the expense of our people and our environment. Currently there are examples of ISDSs in various countries including America in which corporations are suing governments for billions of dollars in loss of profits for trying to protect both citizens and the environment - the Keystone Pipeline being one example. To say this will not happen in NZ is worse than naive - it shows appalling disregard on behalf of our government who were democratically elected to represent our needs - not corporate needs. Further our Prime Minister has arrogantly claimed that he will stay in the TPP even if no other countries sign/ratify the deal. This means that the deal can not be about trade because there would be no unilateral advantages. This agreement is about further corporate manipulation of global resources towards advantaging the interests of the rich investors over common citizens and primarily working class people. New Zealand already has free trade agreements with other countries in the proposed TPP no one has explained why we need this further agreement and how it will tangibly benefit us in the future. Further there is no end date on this agreement or means of leaving should NZ inevitably discover it is not in our best interests. This agreement will undermine the rights of our Tangata Whenua and makes a mockery of the Treaty of Waitangi because it opens us as a nation to being sued if we protest against foreign investment on the basis that it is not serving our best long term interests as a nation. We can survive without this agreement but we will surely not survive with it. Our nation will be torn apart by revolution as will be the case around the world. Please hear the voice of us your constituents and withdraw from this undemocratic agreement now. Be aware that for everyone of us that writes a submission there are at least 10-20 people that agree with us but don't feel enabled to articulate their opposition. This is economic imperialism of the most frightening kind and is arguably the worst threat to New Zealand's sovereignty since the world wars. DO NOT CHANGE OUR LAWS TO SUPPORT THE EVIL DEMANDS OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. Please listen to us - we are informed and we care passionately about the welfare of our beautiful country - for all - not merely the 1% who will profit from multinational corporate profits.
Sally Naumann	The TPPA does not guarantee free trade for all New Zealanders but plays into the hands of the powerful nations and corporate entities. A referendum should be held for such important matters.
Kristy Robinson	I am against the New Zealand government signing us up to the TPPA. Just as the asset sales were purported to be in our best interests, they have only cost us lots of money, and limited our future income. I believe the hidden costs (e.g. if the ISDS makes our government pay corporations billions of dollars for loss of potential or actual income) could easily outweigh the potential income. IT'S JUST NOT WORTH IT! I (and most of the people I know) say NO! TPPA - NO WAY.

ian	More than enough has been written on how this grotesque piece of legislation will undermine our sovereignty and will pave the way for the corporate behemoths to plunder our country. No denial will convince us otherwise and the fact that this whole sordid process was negotiated in secret is repugnant. We demand that the TPPA not be ratified by the NZ parliament and state that it will be the greatest travesty in our country's history if it is.
Florence Smith	This agreement has not been decided by us as the people of this land the owners and the guardians of this land. There is no future for our grandchildren with this TPPA movement. Time for you TPPA members to find another land and peoples to ruin like yourselves.
Amelia McQueen	Living in Hawke's Bay we enjoy a GE free status and it works well for many of the orchards that can supply markets that demand GE free products. I am concerned that corporate power, along with central government (at present) will undermine the ability for local regions to work out what is best for them. No large corporate power (with no real interest in the well-being of New Zealanders) should have the ability to dictate how we manage our land and environment (e.g. GE status, global warming issues).

My name is Chris Schraders. I am a 35 year-old training development and technology specialist for a small company based in Palmerston North. I am married and am father to a one year-old girl. My family owns a small lifestyle block where we grow our own fruit and vegetables. I object to New Zealand being a signatory to the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) and ratifying this international-governance-agreement-in-a-trade-agreement's-clothing. Based on significant personal interest and research into this agreement over the past five years, I believe that the agreement will lock us in to a neo-liberal agenda into the foreseeable future whereby the interests of New Zealanders come second to the profit-making desires of multi-national corporations. My main concerns about the TPPA are: 1. Its wide-ranging impacts on our society, community and economy, 2. Its impacts on healthcare, 3. Its impacts on the environment. 1. Impacts on our society, community and economy The TPPA places significant power in the hands of large corporations to shape our society, communities and economy. One of the more insidious aspects of the TPPA is the mechanism known as the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), which provides corporations ("investors") the ability to take action against states that pass legislation, which could negatively impact on the corporation's profits. These disputes are settled not in acknowledged courts of law, but in secretive tribunals. There is no ability to escalate these cases to recognised international courts, which would offer greater impartiality. The inclusion of ISDS provisions will lead to negative consequences through two mechanisms: 1. through formal challenges from "investors" and, 2. through risk-aversion by law-makers, known as "regulatory chill". We have already seen countries incur significant costs to defend ISDS challenges, such as Australia's defence of its plain packaging of tobacco products legislation. The case, brought by Philip Morris Asia Ltd is estimated to have cost the Australian government \$50m in legal fees to-date, and the outcome of the arbitration is not yet known. If Australia loses the case, they are likely to have to pay damages to the tune of billions of dollars and/or change their laws. This shows how detrimental ISDS clauses can be: the government will lose millions of dollars if successful, and billions if unsuccessful, all because they tried to implement a recognised health-promotion initiative in the interest of their citizens. This is equally likely to happen in New Zealand. Additionally, ISDS challenges related to initiatives like "buy New Zealand made" or local people growing local produce, can be expected to be the subject of ISDS challenges, as these initiatives could be considered "anti-trade". I believe that strong communities form where people produce commodities locally and sell them to others within their community. The TPPA will damage New Zealand's thriving small and medium enterprises as a result. 2. Impacts on healthcare As someone in need of ongoing medications, I value the service provided by Pharmac, which provides medicines at a heavily subsidised cost. The Prime Minister has now admitted that the TPPA will cause the cost of medicines to rise "a bit". I expect that "a bit" will actually mean "quite a lot" before too long. New biological medicines are starting to cure illnesses that we have long-struggled to find a cure for, but these medicines are very expensive - \$80,000 for one treatment, in one case. Pharmac will not be able to afford to subsidise these medicines to the tune of \$79,995 per treatment, so New Zealanders who can't afford the medicine at the full commercial rate, will suffer and die. The TPPA extends patents on medicines. This will mean that we will need to wait longer until low-cost "generic" medicines are available. This will mean the rich will live, and the poor will die, further increasing the already vast gap between those that have, and those that don't. This gives me real concern for my family's future. Should me, my wife or my daughter, need an \$80,000 treatment, we would be unable to provide this, or would go broke trying. 3. Impacts on the environment The provisions in the TPPA put profits over all else, including the environment. At a time where the entire scientific community is telling us we must act to combat climate change, the ISDS will ensure that any actions to combat climate change, such as divesting from fossil fuels, will likely be met by a challenge from one or more oil companies. The TPPA will prevent the government from making "green purchasing," such as requiring energy to come from renewable sources in government contracts, a condition of contract. Despite having signed the Paris Agreement on climate change, the TPPA makes no provision for climate change – it isn't even mentioned. A recent decision by the WTO in relation to another "trade agreement" has indicated that adherence to the agreement has a higher legal status than a country's contribution to the Paris agreement. These are just some of the privileges we give up if this agreement is ratified. They all lead to a systematic breakdown of a society that once looked out for each other, but is now only concerned with the neo-liberal agenda of profits and consumerism. If we are locked in to this agreement, the chances of getting back to a "we" society are small; poverty will continue to grow and more jobs will move offshore. So why are we doing this? Well, the agreement should lead to an increase in New Zealand's GPD of between 0.9 and 3% by 2030. A 47% increase in GPD is forecast with, or without this agreement, so in reality the benefit is very small and we shouldn't give up our sovereignty for this small increase in revenue. Those in favour of the TPPA treat trade as the end state, but it isn't. Trade is the means to the end, not the end in and of itself. Trade should strengthen our economy, empower our communities, and protect our environment. It should not take these things away from us. There are better alternatives. We should not lock in the failed policies of the past; rather we should seek an agreement that provides a fair and balanced set of rules for the future. Thank you for considering my submission. Yours sincerely Chris Schraders

Chris Schraders

Simon Williams

Stop pretending this is a "free" trade agreement. It's about protectionism, and it's motivated by the greed of a handful of powerful US corporate interests. You know it. We know it. A country and its democracy are not commodities to be negotiated and traded.

Joanne Matchitt	The impact it will have on the treaty of Waitangi. The monopolizing of our NZ land sales to overseas individuals and/or investors leaving kiwis with rising rates, rising taxes, impossible mortgages, extravagant rents, extreme poverty and homelessness leaving our people unable to pay for the everyday essentials, healthcare and education!
Oliver Buchanan	I no longer have trust in the government anymore, I do not believe the idea that you will fight for what is right and what is important. That is why with the TPP being signed I believe it will only lead to large multi-national corporations having further control over our lives, pursuing only ever larger profits with no regard to sustainable practices or the progress of mankind. I base my belief on the accounts of numerous intellectuals who expertise it is to understand the implications of these deals. As these things are so incredibly complex it is not only very difficult for me to know all the facts but unfair to expect me to, that is why we have these intellectuals. They have no motive to lie to us. The government does.
Molly Sullivan	With every fibre in my body I know this agreement is wrong. It goes against everything that is taught to us throughout our lives; to be caring, to be honest, to be patient, to be humble, to be kind and to be courageous. This agreement poses a threat to all living beings from all walks of life no matter how fat your pockets may be. I commit to challenging the TPPA simply because I know the truth. The reasons I fight for our rights are not complicated, the reasons there is so much opposition are not complicated. This is deceitful and driven by greed. Period. And I will look back at this and be able to tell my children (to be) that I did all in my power to future proof their existence. Why must we always be looking back. Has history taught us nothing? Leave your heads in the sands oh unjust and venomous sheep but know that it is never too late to follow the path of serendipitous truth. To finish in the words of Naomi Klein: "Because, underneath all of this is the real truth we have been avoiding: climate change isn't an "issue" to add to the list of things to worry about, next to health care and taxes. It is a civilisational wake up call. A powerful message - spoken in the language of fires, floods, droughts, and extinctions - telling us that we need an entirely new economic model and a new way of sharing the planet. Telling us we need to evolve."
Russell Skeet	It is difficult to make a submission when a submitter has little information upon which to base a submission. The T.P.P.A. is in excess of 6,000 pages long and I, as a tax-payer, rate-payer, user and participant in the democratic process have no ability to access one single page. Worse than that, I am instructed by Government to "Trust us, we know what we are doing and we will act in your best interest." Once upon a time I might have believed this, but much has changed, so that my trust in Government has been perilously eroded. My submission to you is this; if it, the Agreement, is as you say, is our best interests, reveal it to us and let us have an informed say.

	Why I oppose TPPA? There is number of very good reasons to reject this treaty. I start with the most import one: 1) The process is deeply flawed. All negotiations were done in secrecy, without any public input. Despite huge public outcry all those years. And yet, this treaty establishes authority above our national legislation and any future government - the ISDS. Even European Union outright rejected ISDS clauses from the sister treaty TTIP. Only people who want to harm New Zealand and its people would support ISDS provisions. These provisions will specifically degrade environmental protection, human rights protection, workers rights protection, and in general undermine New Zealand sovereignty. Any future improvements of above protections will be nearly impossible. 2) The economic benefits are negligible. Proponents often overstate their significance but every other reputable analysis shows that realistic benefits are below margin of error of such estimates. In other words, realistically we can expect no economic benefits at all. 3) Independent analyses highlight a long list of clauses that will harm New Zealand and its people. Let's name just a few: * Increased copyright protection. This is insane. Even our current copyright protection is grossly against public interest. If you still remember, our copyright act was passed on the same day as Christchurch earthquake bill, or better say very late at night after. The urgency of the earthquake was misused to pass the copyright act and avoid this way huge public opposition. Now according to TPPA text, these protections should be further increased. Did anybody attempted a cost-benefit analysis? Not from a perspective of Hollywood studios but from a public perspective. Copyright protection is supposed to trade away our natural freedom of making copies of whatever we like for a temporary monopoly to encourage more works being created for public to use. The key phrase is "more works available for public use". What does it mean? Are we able to use a certain work if it is still protected under copyright act? Hardly. We can use it only in ways that the copyright holder allows us. All other uses are prohibited. The fact that a typical copyright holder requires payments for any use is not as relevant as many believe. The most important is the control of uses like remixing. Why? Human creativity is hardly about innovation in a vacuum. All creators build on top of other works. There are no exceptions. When we deliberately give selected economic subjects a monopoly on information others need in order to create more useful works, we are in fact slowing down our progress. We are killing our economy and depriving ourselves of many new creative works. Because of the way such rules are implemented, the only beneficiaries are typically lawyers. Plus a few very large companies holding copyright for a few items that they manage to make profitable even 90 years later. But social benefits of such economic activity are negligible compared to the loss we suffer because of this lengthy protection period. Imagine how much more benefit we would get as a society, if we shortened copyright protection to 5 or 10 years. * New trademark protections for sounds and smells. There is no public benefit in comparison to status quo. We have more than enough litigation without it. * Software patents. As above, there is absolutely no public interest in software patents. This was even negotiated as a clear exception in new patent legislation in NZ. TPPA will undo all good work that went into this legislation. * Increased price for pharmaceuticals due to restrictions on generic medicines. Also extending biologic exclusivity. No benefit to public, only extra cost. The extra cost that PM promised to pay for - with public money. What an intellectual somersault. * Privatisation. There is no public benefit in privatisation of public assets. TPPA would also make it impossible to reverse any privatisation already done. The list goes on. The takeaway is that TPPA was negotiated on behalf of wealthy multinational businesses and to the detriment of general public and local small businesses. This was reflected in the access to the negotiations. Selected large multinational businesses were invited to participate in drafting the clauses, while public is allowed to read only the final text. Moreover public is currently not even allowed to vote on this extremely important treaty in a referendum. I consider this treaty and the way it was negotiated a treason against New Zealand and its people.
Tomas Sobek	The loss of our sovereignty The threat to climate action and our environment The cost to consumers for copyright extensions Internet protections and privacy The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations) ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement) The impact it will have on our public health and medicines Corporate power and influence over the political process
Bonny Martin	Are you crazy ! You need help trying to sell NZ out! You were chosen by the people for the people.. Remember who put you in government and your oath to the nation of NZ. Be a person of honour and integrity. Blessings
Thomas Alefiosio	There's too much at stake here! I love New Zealand, and I want to protect what we have. Money isn't everything, all the money in the world can't pay for the loss of one species or the loss of health or education to one child.
Dennis le Clerc-Jude	I do not agree with the USA attempting to dominate every other country through trade, politics and above all military bullying. I do not want to live in a world when US corporations have unprecedeted control over all of us.
William Sharfman	This cabal is a threat to our health, welfare, Democracy, sovereignty, and strikes a blow for corporate fascism subjugating human rights and the dignity and economic viability of the individual. It is a direct threat to our survival in terms of rampant greed overruling the imperative of environmental and climate considerations. It is an affront and assault on us all, and must not be allowed.

Mere Kēpa (Dr)	I, as Tangata Whenua, write to respectfully oppose the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). I believe that the Agreement is in opposition to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the expectations of Tangata Whenua as the Crown's partner, to be protected from ruin, for the land, water, and air to be protected from damage and destruction from the era of 'human activity', and for Māori society to participate usefully and broadly in the New Zealand economy. The Agreement is in opposition to the general principles of democracy. Surely it is time for the government to cast aside the support of the accumulation of wealth, in the free market, by the few and focus on the values of peace, harmony, and beauty in Māori society and the New Zealand economy. Consequently, I submit that the TPPA is harmful and wrong for both Māori society and the New Zealand economy.
Jean Day	NZ is a small independent country, and we would be swallowed up by the "giants" losing our rights to make our own decisions.
Roger Barker	If anyone wonders what hidden agenda is behind the TPPA one only has to look at the UK for answers. When it was first suggested the UK join the EU it was stated, quite clearly, that the joining was for TRADE PURPOSES ONLY. Sound familiar? However, it wasn't long before the UK govt. started to receive regular 'directives' from Brussels telling her what to do and what she could not do. All these had to be fully complied with and so the loss of sovereignty started to get a grip. A few years passed and finally the trump card was played. Henceforth the British passport was to be wiped in favour of the new Europassport. This was not the worst part: European judges decreed that the UK had to open ALL its borders to the citizens of Europe —and so the flood gates were opened. Please think about this: If, when the UK was thinking about entering the EU, anyone had mentioned the fact that it meant giving up one's English passport for a little bit of European cardboard and that the flood gates would be open to the whole of Europe, you would have been laughed out of the building! This is what the future holds for NZ once she ratifies the TPPA. With our borders down all control is lost as to who can emigrate to NZ and take up residency here —rather a sobering thought when you think of some of the countries signing up. The govt. tell us our trade will suffer greatly if we don't sign up to the TPPA. I remember all this being said before England joined the EU. Now everyone knows this was total rubbish. If you doubt this, look today at Switzerland and Norway. They never signed up to the EU and yet they're not 'basket cases', like some that have signed up. Let there be no doubt that NZ is being sold down the river and that we should all be very concerned —if not for us, for our future generations.
Rachel Hawkins	To me the TPPA argument has evolved from being a debate about a trade agreement. I believe it is now illustrating how our own government, who should be vying for its own country, consistently manipulates its own people using various techniques. I believe if you, John Key cannot listen to your own damn people and show up at least to debate this then why are you even in power. Look up the meaning of leader in the damn dictionary. Pretty sure temper tantrums aren't going to solve your problems bud. You seem like you have a few of those. Save us the propaganda we can see right through you now.
Louise Thornley	I am extremely concerned about the potential loss of our sovereignty as a country, erosion of Maori rights, and weakening of democracy. As a public health professional, I want our laws, policies and decisions to be made democratically, with public involvement, and with the public's interests at heart. It is completely unacceptable for foreign-based companies to be able to sue national governments over issues that are in the public interest, such as when the tobacco industry filed action against the Australian government for its policies on tobacco control. I am worried that this situation will happen more under the TPPA. I am also concerned at the lack of consultation with Maori, and the potential for this TPPA agreement to override or conflict with Maori rights under the Treaty of Waitangi. The potential impacts on Maori have not been adequately studied or discussed with Maori leaders and communities. Finally, I have read various analyses of the potential for the TPPA to increase the cost of essential medicines through Pharmac, and this is a major concern for me. Countless health professionals and health organisations (e.g. PHA, NZMA, NZNO) have spoken out in opposition to the TPPA on this topic. Our Pharmac model for pharmaceuticals is highly effective in keeping costs down for all New Zealanders - it is vital that we protect access to life-saving medications for all, irrespective of income. This is a basic human right. I am also concerned that the TPPA gives unprecedented power to international pharmaceutical companies - and to fossil fuel industry companies - at the expense of the New Zealand government and citizens. This is an unacceptable erosion of democracy and a nation's ability to govern its own affairs and look after its own people. I am pleased the government has finally allowed this issue to come before a Select Committee - I urge the committee members to listen and act in our country's best interests by refusing to ratify the TPPA.
Cori Lasrto	1 percent GDP growth in five years is pathetic compared to what we will lose

	The TPPA is a 'trade' deal that has been negotiated in secret by New Zealand, the US and ten other countries for the past 5 years. This factsheet summarises the pros and cons for New Zealand signing up to the TPPA. For more detail on all these points see the other pages on this website. TOP 10 REASONS TO SIGN THE TPPA: The TPPA could add an extra \$2.7 billion to GDP by 2030 (that's a rise of 0.9%). By signing, New Zealand gains better access to significant regional markets. Parties agreed to implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (not enforceable) The investment chapter provides an overall greater level of protection for New Zealanders investing overseas. Principles for increased transparency in pharmaceutical purchasing (not legally enforceable) No longer the serious violation on national drug and medicine pricing that it once threatened to be. Support for open data flows and competition in the telecommunications market. Exception in relation to plants because of significance of indigenous plants to Māori (not guaranteed) The TPPA features a Treaty of Waitangi exception clause Reduced customs clearing times, which would facilitate trade. TOP 10 REASONS NOT TO: It could also result in a loss of 5,000 jobs by 2025, and increased income inequality. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. Foreign investors could sue the government to prevent progressive environmental reforms. The TPPA gives more power to foreign investors, with no provision to keep profits in New Zealand. Pharmaceutical companies could sue our government over policy decisions they perceive as negatively affecting their profits Patent extensions could still mean delays and extra costs getting new drugs to NZ. 20 year extension in copyright terms will cost the consumer at least \$55 million a year. Criminal liability for breaking "digital locks" on content, even content you have paid for. Leaves rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. In order to be included in the TPPA, NZ has to change our laws to be more like US laws. The above reasons outline my concerns about ratifying the TPPA agreement.
Rex Garner	
Bevan Rudge	The government's consideration and treatment of the TPPA is criminal. Our leaders must be reprimanded and brought to justice for the injustices they are trying to make against the people of New Zealand.
Elizabeth Roberts	1. We could be sued by foreign multi-national corporations for making new laws and policies in the public interest. 2. Maori have not been properly consulted and the Treaty of Waitangi exception is no guarantee of protection. 3. Life saving medicines will become more expensive. 4. Big fossil fuel companies could sue New Zealand for making laws that protect our environment.... 5. We are beholden to the United States with next to no public oversight or say. This is anti-democratic. 6. The loss of our sovereignty 7. The impact it will have on the Treaty of Waitangi, our political process and our democracy.
Michael McGaveston	I do not support the signing of the TPPA. The document gives too much power over to corporate bodies and threatens to dilute the decision making power of our democracy. I am concerned about the National governments agenda in terms of it guiding the hand of future government by the signing of this agreement. The agreement disrespects native Maori and the treaty of Waitangi. My main concern is that similar agreements have cost governments like the US dearly in law suits from private Corporations mainly because they want to make better decisions for the good of the planet. If New Zealand truly wants to change its ways and work toward a green and sustainable future it would not be signing this agreement. Private suits could prevent the potential move away of unclean energy and stunt the progression of clean automotive development. For these reasons I am not in agreement that New Zealand should sign the TPPA.
Denise Price	I am very concerned that citizens will lose any rights they have. I believe we will lose our choices about our environment and healthy foods (No GMO). I believe corporate power will have more influence over governments than they have all ready. We will lose our sovereignty. I am very concerned for generations to come (our grandchildren)
Chris	This agreement threatens the longevity of equality and justice as well as giving large corporations the ability to hurt our people. It is sad and wrong that our government wants to sell us short to make the rich richer.
Matt Railey	I disagree with certain provisions of the TPPA. I believe it holds the power to allow global corporate interests to overshadow the needs of the people of New Zealand and it also will unfairly target certain sectors of our economy. Dairy being one example. It also places New Zealand's main attraction, our beautiful natural environment in grave danger of being destroyed in the interests of satisfying the greed of global corporations

Alice Holmes	As a proud Kiwi and mother I am worried about our small country's future under the TPPA. It is easy to see that with this agreement we are exposing our country to significant risk for very little monetary gain. The process thus far has not been transparent (except for the privileged corporations who had maximum input in negotiating the agreement) and there was little intelligent debate and discussion from our leaders in a public forum prior to signing. The usual tact is to dismiss anyone with real concern as uninformed and worrying unnecessarily whilst offering no real answers to concerns raised, or rolling out the same stale substansless information which tells us very little about potential cost and risk analysis. Any gains are decades away and hardly anything to write home about, meanwhile we open ourselves up to corporations that can't wait to exploit our natural resources. This is perhaps my biggest concern. Under the current government we have seen a massive increase in oil exploration permits issued and the general neglect of environmental issues. As soon as we open ourselves to taking orders from big corporations we can kiss goodbye any ideals we have about a clean green New Zealand. I love New Zealand and New Zealanders because we are unique, innovative, think outside the box types. We should be focusing our energy on standing out from the rest, not bowing down to Big Brother pressure under the guise of a trade agreement. Before my eyes I see dreams of home ownership, swimming in clean clear waters, fair pay, quality kiwi-made products, freedom to oppose morally questionable practice, and access to world class healthcare flashing by. This agreement will be the death of New Zealand as we know it, RIP democracy.
ron clark	We can manage NZ on our own. We just want to be a quiet little country and grow our own food. We dont like the idea of being sold as consumers to the greedy multi-corporations.
Mereana Stevens	I am petrified my mokopuna will have no say or input into the running of this country. This is their whenua and their contribution should outweigh any greedy international corporations. Please do not let this happen
Mark Jepson	I feel that the tppa is not in fact a free trade agreement as claimed. It has been shown that the majority of the deal is to protect the profit margins of big american corporations, even the potential of future profits. Our government has plucked numbers out of thin air to make it appear like a great deal, and have also dismissed any opposition as being anti trade which is untrue. The government needs to listen to the people and at the very least have a honest look at the pros and cons of this deal. New Zealand sees no economic benefit from the tppa until 2030, and then it is pretty pathetic and that is using their own made up numbers. We still can not get our dairy into Japan, Usa or Canada.In closing I would strongly urge government to not ratify this deal, we do not need to be in the big boys club.
Gwyn Upritchard	I am concerned about the implications of business being able to sue New Zealand Government. New Zealand government could lose billions of dollars in lawsuits under the ISDS system. This will lead to the Government making policy that will meet the needs of overseas business to avoid being sued! This will make the Government a string puppet to overseas business!
Poihare Naki	I just want it clear that i am against the tppa. i dont know that much about it but what i do know is not great in saying that id be opposed to it even more if i knew more. It doesnt change my decision
Nicole Stott	I am also concerned about the negation of nz sovereignty and the treaty, the undermining of our democracy which we continue to fight for, in addition to impacts on our environment which is wadeable, what a joke. I tried to buy nz fruit and veges today but was unable due to US lemons, grapefruit etc flooding our nz market, sad we are all getting cancers from eating this crap. National millionaires dont care about us minions, they can afford pharmac.
Dr. Jeanne Guthrie	While numerous issues vis-a-vis the TPPA are disturbing, the two of greatest importance to me are: the impact on public health/medicine and the ISDS license for foreign corporations to take legal action against NZ. The surrender on these issues is a sell out of two defining characteristics of New Zealand: a strong public health system and national sovereignty. The TPPA is a bridge TOO far. Dr. Jeanne Guthrie
Judy Newton	I am concerned that the TPPA will result in a loss of the democratic process, and hence our sovereignty. Fundamental agreements such as the Treaty of Waitangi may be side-lined under the TPPA. I am concerned that medicines may be costlier due to reduced competition. Therefore I am against the TRRA being ratified
Thom Taptiklis	By signing the TPP the government is giving away New Zealanders' sovereignty over their own country. This is an act of treason. No one has the right to do this.

Linda Armstrong	I am writing to make a submission to the proposed TPPA – Transpacific Partnership Agreement. I am against this agreement as there has not been enough public exposure and balanced discussions, rather than just biased propaganda and also because of the enormous negative impact it will have on New Zealand society if it comes into force. One of the greatest concerns I have is over the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), where corporations, whose sole purpose is to make profit, can sue our government for loss of profits when the government tries to legislate for the benefits of the people in our society and the environment in which we live. This takes authority and governorship from our elected government and gives it to the large corporations who have no accountability to the people of the society in which they operate. It creates a bleak future for our society and the society in which our grandchildren live as it stops them from making positive change and creates a philosophical shift to place profit above all other values in life. Arguing that it is unlikely that we would be sued is weak as it is already happening elsewhere in the world and the TPPA would expose us to over 1000 litigious corporations that New Zealand is not currently exposed to. If ISDS is in the TPP agreement then we have to assume those rights can be exercised by corporations and it will happen here. I also have concerns around the power of the New Zealand government to limit overseas investment in New Zealand property and land. It is crucial to be able to limit overseas investment in property. Already the Auckland housing market is at a crisis point and a whole generation will have difficulty getting access to own their home. An unrestricted market would only make the situation in Auckland worse and spread to other centers. Large rural areas will also become foreign owned and not owned by those in the society in which they operate. Furthermore, I also have concerns in regards to the access to affordable medicines with drug companies having more power to set the price of medicines and this coupled with disempowering the government to legislate for illness prevention means that the general health of New Zealand society will decrease dramatically. This agreement has limited benefits and far-reaching and high-impact negative consequences for New Zealand society both now and for future generations.
Moeawhi	We have a government. That is not working for the best interest of New Zealand or the people. I protest in my name in my children's names and in my tipunas names ..and in all my families names who fought for New Zealand with some losing their lives ..I am 100% say No to TPPA..No No No
carol yates	Is it not right that the people elected Government listens to the people that elected them, we would like a say in all decisions that will effect our people and lands.
justin churches	TPPA is not for New Zealand we will stand up for our rights Take The Peoples Power Away T.T.P.A
Jessica Zonneveld	I believe New Zealand is the most beautiful country on earth and I am convinced that the TPPA undermines the value of New Zealand for New Zealander's. I am concerned about changing laws to fit in better with those of America who have a system where their citizens file lawsuit after lawsuit for all manner of reasons. I do not want this kind of influence to affect New Zealand or her citizens for the sake of a small increase of GDP. New Zealand is beautiful and so rich in her own way - let's make sure NZ is not beholden to corporate greed. We live in a world of finite resources. Let's treasure what we have in NZ.
Colleen	This agreement simply has no real everyday benefit to the majority of New Zealanders . We will lose our identity by pandering to the ideals of larger countries that have not got our best interests at heart . The secrecy tells all. I fully believe this agreement only benefits the wealthy.

	I am a 33 year old Maori woman and mother of one. I descend from Ngati Porou, Ngati Ranginui and Ngaiterangi. I mention this because these are what define me as a person, and my stance against the TPPA! I care about the wellbeing of my family, the wellbeing of New Zealand's most vulnerable people and I give a damn about our SOVEREIGNTY, JUSTICE, FAIRNESS and TRANSPARENCY! I am disgusted that even in the face of mass WORLDWIDE protest , the elected leaders of the world have turned their backs on the very people that they are supposed to represent and have secretly carried out this contract with these corporates powers such as the president of the United States! It reeks of corporate power, greed and influence and therein lies the first of so many issues - NO TRANSPARENCY and CORPORATE TAKEOVER!! At the signing in Auckland, a news journalist asked Todd McClay representing New Zealand on the panel, 'what benefits would Maori get out of the deal?' his response was that Maori businesses would get a lot out of it - REALLY!? what percentage of Maori are in business?? 2%?? What about the rest of us?! Again the focus on BUSINESS and CORPORATIONS just shows that this deal only caters to the 1% at the top and if it means stepping on the rest of us to get it then that is what will be done and that it what is happening NOW! Another thing that is seriously screwed up about this deal is that; if anything we do in the hope of being clean, green New Zealand - such as fighting for plain package cigarettes, no pesticides on fruit and vegetables, no GMOS, or no chemicals added to our drinking water etc... and it loses some big overseas corporation money - we will face legal action?! Why put our country in such a stupid powerless position, we will get a huge smack on the hand for trying to look after ourselves and our environment? Its ludicrous! I would like to ask the so called 'leaders' of the world to listen to the united voice of the people because we are strongly against the TPPA! I want to raise my children in a country where I am empowered to pursue the wellbeing of my family the way that I see fit, a country that fights for the wellbeing of its most vulnerable people and a country where SOVEREIGNTY, JUSTICE, FAIRNESS and TRANSPARENCY prevail over CORPORATE GREED and LEGALISED CRIME! I do not want to live in a 'MINI AMERICA'!
Tamoe Ngata	New Zealand has been a beacon of independence, egalitarianism and correct democracy in the past. She has the potential to return to these principles and to find a way not to be hauled into a power structure dominated by material profit. Choosing to sign the TPPA is a massive retrograde step, which will strip New Zealand of the chance to establish herself as the decent nation she can be.
Georgina Brink	No TPPA Thinking of the future for my children and the many generations coming
Suzanne Tarawa	We are the people of new zealand. We will be heard. We do not want the tppa! We do not want our country sold out from under us to foreigners! This is our country! We will be heard!
Janine Walker	Dear political parties. I DO NOT agree with the TPP agreement, our country belongs to NZ'ers not overseas big corporates! Copyrights legislations etc.... I have children and mokopuna, and think about their loss of sovereignty, and of course our rights under the treaty if this deal was to ratify. I write to you as a grand-mother, a mother, a sister, a daughter who cares for the future of my family and other NZ'ers who perhaps don't know what's going on around them. We are people, tangatawhenua to this land. Out with TPPA! It is not welcomed here. Janine
Riki Agnew Te Paa	The TPPA is a corporate power grab of unprecedeted proportions. It's a blatant handing over of national sovereignty and whatever democratic political processes we thought we had to Wall street and the forces of greed!
Kylie green	Thinking about our kids and their kids.
Michael Whitaker	I am against this deal as so far 1:even tho are p.m.has said therewill be no increase in medical cost he then had to back track.... 2:even ive been informed that tariffs will come of are dairy/meat ind
Jerry van Lier	I believe that TPPA will undermine the sovereignty of of New Zealand. It will also put our precious environment at risk and through ISDS, New Zealand is at risk to be sued for millions. We currently see this in overseas examples. The undermining of New Zealand democracy also has negative impacts on our Treaty of Waitangi which is not good enough and the negative effects on public health and medicine is simply not acceptable. Especially when social services are already stretched so thin. I am strongly against TPPA and implore our government to please consider otherwise.
pania yorke	really worried about why the tppa was done in secret, why were we not advised as to what it was all about? if its so good for us then why didn't we get told about all the good things it will bring us. Also the predicted growth brought by the tppa is hardly anything compared to the predicted growth the economy will bring us ON ITS OWN, why sign something then tell us how good its going to be for us.....seems a bit backwards. although I never was involved in any protesting I support my fellow NZers and find it offensive when our PM labels them as "rent a crowds" when in fact he refuses to acknowledge people aren't happy, we are not uneducated.

	First and foremost, New Zealand is known worldwide for its natural beauty and it's extensive variety in which these natural beauties exist. As a primary school student, I was taught of the natural beauty and resources New Zealand had to offer. This was something that gave me great pride in not only being a Kiwi, but a part of the land itself, and as such I greatly valued my place here in New Zealand and did my best to care for the land in what little ways I could. I believe the TPPA will bring ignorant, cutthroat, merciless and greedy corporations onto our land, after which they will turn their eyes to our resources and claim them for their own. This would not only cut New Zealand out of the core earnings of such resources, it destroys the very natural beauty and nature that New Zealand is known for! Secondly, the level of secrecy leading up to the TPPA and even throughout the process of bringing awareness concerning such a deal has been appalling, New Zealanders have a right to know any little detail concerns deals that would change the face of this country. If the common man/woman was unsure of the specifics of any part of the TPPA they should ready and easy access to information or explanations without having to worry that they were being coerced, or lied to. New Zealand's democracy is of the people and for the people, without the people (common man) this country would not function, there would be no economy or government for that matter. The government needs to be reminded of said concerns instead of using this countries politics to line the pockets of greedy and selfish members of government and their business partners. Thirdly, after detailing such concerns, would it not be clear as to why outside corporate power and influence would have a very negative effect on not only the beautiful nature of New Zealand but the very people whom keep this country running?? I say no to foreign corporate influence in this country because they not only don't understand the common man of New Zealand but because they have no respect for the beautiful country we live in, New Zealand, not New America, not New China or any foreign countries influence. Keep it that way, for the sake of us all.
Israel O'Dea	
XiaoTian Cao	Not selling my soul for dollars.
Robert DeLong	I am opposed to the TPPA on several issues however the question that confuses me the most is why is John Key trying to ram this down New Zealand's throat when ever single candidate for PRESIDENT OF THE US has vowed not to ratify it? There is something very fishy about this.

	<p>01-March-2016 Dear Select Committee, Re: INTERNATIONAL TREATY EXAMINATION OF THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (TPPA) Being part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) is NOT the right choice for Aotearoa. Though it has some good policies, such as reduced customs clearing times, removal of non-tariff barriers, and an overall greater level of protection for New Zealanders investing overseas; which could increase our GDP by around 0.9% by 2030, it would undermine our sovereignty, allow us to be sued through investor-state dispute settlements, weaken the Treaty of Waitangi, threaten our environment, and restrain our economy. As such, it is not in Aotearoa's best interest to be part of the TPPA. The TPPA has serious ramifications for our sovereignty. The US will withhold New Zealand's certificate of compliance with the TPPA until the US is satisfied that all changes it requires to New Zealand's domestic laws, policies and practices have been made. This means that a new US administration can renegotiate the agreement or add new terms and conditions using side-letters, which is a process with no public oversight or input. In addition, the investment chapter highlights the intent to increase the power of global corporations by creating a supra-national court, or tribunal, where foreign firms can "sue" states and obtain taxpayer compensation for "expected future profits". For example, right now TransCanada are suing the Obama administration using a similar process through the trade agreement NAFTA. The lawsuit is for \$15 billion to compensate for the US government's decision to halt the Keystone XL pipeline due to concerns about the impact it would have on climate change. If Aotearoa was sued through an investor state dispute (ISD) it could substantially affect our GDP. In addition, the threat of such an ISD could curtail the government of Aotearoa from making laws for the benefit of its people that would potentially cause an ISD. These are both serious threats to the sovereignty of this nation. In addition to jeopardising the of sovereignty all kiwis, the TPPA leaves the rights and interests of Māori vulnerable to foreign states and corporations who have no obligations under te Tiriti o Waitangi, or the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), while having a legal right to pursue their interests through private international mechanisms. This may further undermine the willingness of governments to implement Waitangi Tribunal recommendations for fear of legal action from overseas investors. Additionally, rights of Māori relating to Intellectual Property (IP), biodiversity, and environmental law and policy, guaranteed through te Tiriti o Waitangi and the UNDRIP, could be significantly affected by the TPPA. The IP chapter strengthens the rights of holders of state-recognized intellectual property rights, a form of intellectual property that has generally not protected Māori rights and has, in many cases, undermined those rights. In addition, Māori were not included in the TPPA negotiations, or the government's decision to sign the TPPA, which is out of line with te Tiriti. Māori should have been involved in the entire process, as the equal treaty partners that they are. The TPPA could also negatively impact our environment. For example, our ability to mandate "green purchasing," such as requiring energy to come from renewable sources in government contracts, could be challenged for having the unintended "effect of creating an unnecessary obstacle to trade." In addition, the TPPA will likely reinforce our position as a commodity producer and hinder our progress up the value chain where greater economic prosperity lies. For example, large-scale overseas companies with close connections to their consumers will find it easier to tap into our resources than our small companies will find it to develop relationships with overseas consumers. In conclusion, I do not support Aotearoa/New Zealand becoming a part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement. Sincerely, Terra Dumont</p>
Terra Dumont	
Donald Rutherford	<p>These 3 issues ticked above impinge on all our other rights as a sovereign nation in relation to the TPPA We deserve to have all our political actions in this country governed by our parliament and our house of representatives the power to control the action of our govt in all its undertakings on behalf of this country Because of that, international corporate actions and the power of other govts to affect NZ should be sanctioned here in NZ by transparent parliamentary processes not by the political party in power as they do not have the majority of the vote to demand their position be upheld and enacted. As the threshold for a clear majority is not sufficient under the present system of govt and subject to abuse by undisclosed lobbying and other odious behaviour which we as a nation are prevented from scrutinising The TPPA is in my view sets a dangerous process in action for this country that will hamper the true ability to trade as an independent sovereign nation</p>

	<p>Submission on the TPPA and the environment New Zealand badly needs to strengthen environmental protections, e.g. in the areas of forestry, water, soil quality, greenhouse gas emissions. Under the TPPA, governments can be sued when taking action to protect the environment. The probability is that governments will be reluctant to undertake environmental reform and will back off legislation in face of a threat to sue. Over 85% of money so far paid out by governments under free trade deals with the United States has involved claims over resources and the environment. The focus of the TPPA is on aligning each country's domestic regulations with the interests of foreign investors. Language used for rights accorded to organisations seeking to protect the commons is vague and non-binding in sharp contrast to the precision of the language used for the rights accorded to foreign investors to protect their private wealth. A phrase like "endeavour not to undermine" is hardly a binding requirement. There is a significant new level of pressure on TPPA governments to accept GM foods. It will be harder for countries to independently regulate GM foods. The most glaring omission in the TPPA with regard to the environment is the omission of the term "climate change". This is the most important issue of our time and a failure to address it risks the very survival of the human species. The only reference in the text is "the parties acknowledge that transition to a low emissions economy requires collective action". Where are the regulations setting out a process for this? In fact, government powers to restrict the mining of fossil fuels and to increase the price of their greenhouse gas emissions will be undermined by the ISDS provisions. TransCanada is currently suing the United States of America for US\$15 billion for the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline for crude oil. With regard to the environment, the TPPA is heavily weighted in favour of foreign investors who have no interest in preserving the many beautiful features of our country or the health of our rivers, lakes and soils. Please don't sacrifice all we hold dear for the sake of a low financial gain.</p>
Margaret Gwynn	Very short sighted of the government just trying to get themselves richer at the expense of the working class. Listen to the people government, you work for us!
callum grant	Taking NZ'ers power away
Tracey Clark	I oppose the TPPA because it establishes a court like entity that currently does not exist, and that entity will be able to select its own members, is not auditible and judges others based on laws it creates without authority that do not apply to themselves.
Dion Luke	This is the worst 'deal' for New Zealanders to date. The TPPA serves only the 1% who's agendas are obvious, it undermines our sovereignty leaves us as a nation exposed to corporations and the destruction of our country. This even if it is passed will not stand with New Zealanders (and apparently the rest of the world) if you want a revolution from the people go ahead and sign this deal. I look forward to the outcome Angela Shatford
Angela Kim Shatford	I am disgusted with our government for entertaining the idea of TPPA. And why so secretive? Medicines will become more expensive! Some people cannot afford their medicine now. As for being under US control NO WAY! They will be wanting to rip our country to shreds for whatever they can find that is worth anything and we will have no say or be sued! HELL NO! I'm sick of the greed in this world and this is just the icing on the greed cake!
Mrs F Pullen-Burry	I am concerned about the secrecy of negotiations Commercial sensitivity only protects businesses, not the people. Until I know more about the detail of outcomes of the negotiation, I cannot support it Large commercial businesses seem to know more about it than almost all New Zealanders, The history of commercial versus population interests makes me very fearful of the Treaty. Agian commercial interests seem to outway climate concerns as is seen with the fossil fuel industry. I do not believe that the bottom line fixation and greedy profit aspirations of large commercial companies will be adequately controlled with this agreemnet. I am not prepared to accept this governments assurances that all is well given it's lack of lack of openness and honesty since in government.
Bryan Hardie Boys	I oppose the ratification of the TPPA because - it is not solely a trade deal - why is there an increase in cost of medicine - why is there an extension of copyright - why should our laws that impact on corporate profit negatively be judged via a dubious ISDS system
Andrew Leota	Please do not sign the TPPA. We must stand collectively for human rights and our Mother Earth. Nothing can thrive or survive under corporate power. Listen to your heart and use your common sense. Thank you
Trudi Jamieson	I am very concerned that New Zealanders are not being listened to on this issue. I take issue with the Prime Minister saying I do not know what i am talking about. I am concerned that international companies will be able to sue our government if they do not like our policies. I am concerned that companies can take our government to a court that is not our own and is stacked with lawyers who have the company interest at heart, not our country's interests.
Bernadette Cornille	

Aneila Kaye	I think it is very shady that there is such a push to enter into an agreement which is apparently about trade but estimation of financial benefits to our country are actually peanuts compared to the overall risks that could, and will, affect our Kiwi way of life. We are a country that was once admired for how strong we stand, the things we stand for, and this seemingly anti-Democratic government is ready to sell everything off to line their own pockets and let other countries challenge us about they way we live politically, as consumers, and with little thought to the impact on our Treaty of Waitangi and for the large number of people who struggle to live on a daily basis (due to financial, medical reasons, been unemployed, etc let alone have to strength to think about voting and political issues).
Lindsay Graeme	This trade agreement has gone too far away from FAIR trade which is good for New Zealand. We need to be able to keep corporate interests under the control of our own local laws and societal desires. Society is going to undergo a huge change as we adjust to climate change and attempt to reduce our CO2 outputs. It is vital that our efforts are not hampered by corporate interests. Corporate interests need to come second to New Zealand society interests.
Robert Yeomans	We in the "know" are so fearful for our children's children that this has become our last-stand for freedom. I look at my children & wonder what awful future you have prepared for them. I look at those forcing this upon us as inhuman & wonder if money is all they care about. God tells us we can only have one master, God or mammon(material wealth). Our own national anthem asks God to "Defend New Zealand" but we are walking away backwards from him. Please consider our welfare when deciding what's best for us
Suria Aukuso	TPPA is about rules that put handcuffs on the choices government makes by big businesses which I believe undermines our democratic processes. I also believe TPPA also potentially undermines the Treaty of Waitangi and our capacity to protect our natural resources; and would impact negatively on our health services because it appears to be able to give corporate power to big business e.g. pharmaceutical companies too much power to raise costs. Hence I do not support any move or legislation for TPPA.
Hana Maguire	Please do not agree to the TPPA, I do not want New Zealand to be part of this disgusting agreement. I object to the process by which it has been created, the content of it, the potential effects on New Zealand and other countries, and now where it seems to be being steamrollered through without public involvement or knowledge. Do not undermine New Zealand. Uphold the sovereignty of New Zealand and the Treaty of Waitangi. Protect the rights of New Zealand to democratically decide what is best for New Zealand. Protect the rights, health and wellbeing of New Zealand people. Protect New Zealand's unique natural environment. Protect the right of New Zealand to choose future courses of action, especially those which protect the rights of citizens, the natural environment, and seek to mitigate Climate Change. The TPPA is detrimental to New Zealand society, government, peoples, environment, values, democracy, health, wellbeing, and the global climate. Reject the TPPA. I support the submissions of Action Station members.
Catherine	The TPPA threatens the democratic process of New Zealand. Big Corporations will make our decisions. The public health of our nation will be driven by the dollar having an impact on the future wellbeing of all New Zelanders. We must stand strong for future of generations and maintain our sovereignty do not agree with the ratification of this treaty.
Amara Naus	The TPPA give too much power to corporations who we are supposed to trust to not use that power for evil/profits that negatively affect New Zealanders. People should always come before money
Mr Chalmers	I feel this agreement makes the entire nation open to many more bad things than good ones. It treats Maori in much the same way the government has always done. I know the crown doesn't support the TPPA I know that it opens up our country to big business having the right to take our government to court, but it's not really court it's more like secret tribunals by people we don't know in a place we don't know. I am against this deal and have not meet anybody in this country or any others and in my work I meet thousands of people. So I therefore say this cannot happen.
richard horrocks	don,t sell us out to overseas corporations
Suzanne Walter	I am against the TPPA because it will raise the price medication significantly, and ruin our environment for future generations. All to enrich a few already rich men. Furthermore our loss of sovereignty is intolerable and surely the work of criminals.

	Submission on TPPA For a start I find it highly suspect that this treaty has been discussed behind closed doors for many years, with no debate required in parliament, and with principles on transparency and fairness that are not legally enforceable. The obvious increase in CO2 emissions is still happening, (we are on track for 4 to even 6 degrees warming) and the disastrous consequences to our global environment , are the most important issue mankind faces. Trade trumps climate: I know what can happen when a country becomes party to so called 'free trade' deals. One of many examples: A Ontario solar panel manufacture enterprise, Silfab Ontario, was torpedoed by a tribunal of the WTO because of a law that would not allow the use of mainly locally sourced equipment for renewable energy (preferred by the local government) over foreign supplies. (Naomi Klein:'This changes everything') Hot from the press the same thing just happened in India. How outrageous is that at a time when Climate talks leave us in no doubt as to the urgency of bringing down industrial and agricultural emissions. Other countries under PTTA can take our government to court and stop progress towards renewable energy or other climate policies if it is not in their interest and the interest of their investors. ISDS can sue our government for increased emission charges, restriction on mining fossil fuels, advertising against junk food, action to control the manufacture of foods that are harmful to our health, etc.. It can deter our government to regulate on issues of importance to the health of our citizens and the planet as a whole. It will be harder to regulate independently on GM foods. It can deter us to be creative in our solutions to the changes in our climate, which will have to be innovative indeed. The focus will be more on the private interests of foreign investors than on the public's well being and ecological sustainability. I have no doubt that becoming a party to TPPA would be a very foolish move indeed. Sincerely yours, Annelies Pekelharing 182 Montgomerys road Little River Banks Peninsula PH 03 3251229 Submission on TPPA
Annelies Pekelharing	Being a student studying Arboriculture. The effects on the environment. The United States and several Asian nations could have catastrophic repercussions for climate change, including giving corporations the power to sue governments that try to limit polluting industries. How is this going to be helpful for our clean green image we have in New Zealand?
Theresa Aperehama	The TPPA is not great for everyday New Zealanders, it caters to corporations. Nowhere have you consulted with the Tangata Whenua or indigenous peoples of this country so why should we give our mandate to something that caters to big companies and not to the everyday people of New Zealand? This is a breach of Te Tiriti o Waitangi 1840 and He Wakaputanga 1835, both internationally recognised documents. All the breaches of TTG and He Wakaputanga since they were signed by my Tupuna~Ancestors have slowly eroded away our sovereignty and that of all the citizens of New Zealand. I see this as a treasonous act against all citizens of NZ and it only makes way for companies to change laws to bolster their profits with total disregard for the people of this country and our rights!
noel saxon	as the world is fast approaching catastrophic climate change the concept of unlimited material growth is plainly not achievable.the TPPA is an agreement that puts profits before the planet and before all things living on it. it is the obligation of the elected government to carry out the wishes of the people. and it is the obligation of the government to always act in the interests of its people. TPPA is a travesty and those that are responsible for attempting to force it upon the people will one day, bow their head in shame.
Happy Aquarian	International corporations and large pharmaceutical companies do not need to be given more power - they already hold the rest of the world to ransom. We need to keep the ability to reject such as nuclear power, tobacco and other harmful products without being sued billions of dollars by the companies that feel as though their profits are being affected. America and their health system is an example of one to avoid not to sign up to. I don't understand how the government can keep laughing and calling us "Rent A Crowd" when so many respected people within our society are against it. This doesn't seem like a democracy anymore and it seems as though the TPPA is the final step in making sure we have no say in our future.
Craig Gee	To whom It my concern The TPPA has far reaching implications to all of New Zealanders way of life for many generations to come . Any decision made without consultation with the public regarding this matter is not Democratic. We live in a democracy not a dictatorship. Or do we !
E.Bocock	The secrecy and arrogance surrounding the TPPA issue is undemocratic to say the least.
Shay	Please stop this foolishness. Help the people of New Zealand. This is a beautiful country so let's keep it that way. Thanks
Rita	This agreement is wrong to sign without the wishes and agreement of all New Zealanders. The access to government by big corporations that provides them protections was what lead to the great depression and the last housing crash. Going even further and allowing corporations to scare governments out of creating legislation that may harm their business practices is possibly the worst single thing any goverment could agree to.
christine noble-lindsay	get rid of tppa

Larnii	The tppa makes me feel so angry and sad that we are having to fight against the government for such things that will impact and change lives of new zealanders forever our Beautiful country will never be the same with no interest in looking after our country or the people that live here I do not understand why this has even gone this far. Kiwis are struggling to make ends meet and look after there kids with the richest of them all to have complete power to make our lives even harder. I dont not understand how giving power to the big companies to own everything and have the opportunity to be selective on what we can and cant have with drugs that may be the difference to weather you live or die from an illness
Paddy Gilgenberg	Our political process is already influenced to an unhealthy extent by corporate power. Being part of the TPPA will make this situation worse and give multinational companies far too much say over what happens in New Zealand. This will undermine our democracy and sovereignty and increase the already growing gap between rich and poor, as well as weakening protections for the environment. In the face of already clear signs of climate change, this makes no sense whatsoever.
Danica Smith	We should have a say in whatever is happening in our country..TPPA no way
angelique edmonds	all the above is what i dislike about the flag just being discussed about change . ANZAC , Treaty rights i feel very threatened as to where the future is looking for myself and my family , of course is is very deep and im only touching the surface
Henry	I am concerned about the loss of our sovereignty; The threat to climate action and our environment; The cost to consumers for copyright extensions; Internet protections and privacy; The impact it will have on treaty of Waitangi; The undermining of our democracy (ie. secret tribunals, secret negotiations); ISDS (Investor State Dispute Settlement); The impact it will have on our public health and medicines; Corporate power and influence over the political process. Once it's gone, it's gone!
Lynda Loughnane	This was done in secrecy, without the consent or input from the people of NZ. There has been a bullying ethos surrounding this trade deal that is supposedly only part trade and mostly corporate takeover. We are signing an unknown deal that opens us to sell off to overseas and loss of our assets, loss of rights and an influence from USA with their influence and lack of respect to the ethnic people of a country, we have a Chinese trade deal in place and this also is in conflict with deals currently standing. This is a bulldozing full on assulters of the people of NZ.
Ian Thompson	I believe with this agreement we are selling our future. There may be a number of positives for the NZ economy (though it's hard to determine from the lack of information available). But the long term implications of this have not been thought-out thoroughly. The lack of a clear policy on handling the critical (and I do mean critical) issue of climate change in itself makes this agreement unable to be taken seriously. It also appears that the true cost of defending our right to govern our country has not been taken into account. Can we really afford to give this away? Once we sell our sovereignty there is no taking it back.... ever..
Tania	The impact the TPPA will have on our public health and medicine. Corporate power and influence over the political process. We are sick and tired of greedy, tunnel visioned, corrupt politicians messing up our planet and the future of our children. It must stop!
Christine Kieltyka	I see independent judgement in danger and therefore justice as we know it to protect the humankind and its habitat. It terrifies me if economic interests count more than anything else. A shift towards an approach to a peaceful, healthy planet is not accomplished by giving all power to corporations as their sole approach is increasing profit. This is not because they are wrong but this is the nature of a corporation. Politics and laws must hold on to their right to place and represent the interest of the society and that each individual is safe and can thrive.
Kerry	I am very concerned about the TPPA agreement due to the power it gives over New Zealand to big corporations from outside New Zealand. I am also very concerned about the fact that not enough information has been given to the public about it nor have we had any say on whether we agree to it being signed. A great number of New Zealanders are against the signing of the TPPA and many do not understand the impact it may have. I strongly disagree with the signing of the TPPA unless New Zealanders are fully informed and there is a referendum on whether to sign it or not.
Riki Joyce	The future of our country.. Our people.. My family.. If I could tick all the boxes I would. That's how important a priority it is for me and I'm 99% sure every New Zealander does too.
nico	New Zealand is a democracy that should be all I need to say?. Does the word of the people even matter? I feel I'm speaking for the average New Zealander when I say. Not today TPPA
Uvini Kahawatta	As selected above, I strongly oppose TPPA

Heather Mcanalen	Because it just wrong on so many levels?
Sonja Carlile	I am concerned about the total control of big corporations over a small country like New Zealand. I fear that the TPP agreement is going to take away the freedom of each individual in the country. Trade agreements are already in place , but this is more like total control over the freedom of a nation. In see the TPP as something Evil. It's just about money and greed.