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Dialogue, cooperation and capacity building: the ILO, bilateral and regional ties

First WTO Ministerial Conference, Singapore (1996)

Australia-US Free Trade Agreement (2005)

Australia- Chile Free Trade Agreement (2009)

Gillard Government's Trade Policy Statement (2011)

Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and other agreements under negotiation

Views of Australian Trade Unions and other Stakeholders.

Next steps?

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Australia's Trade Policy Statement

Trade agreements should not constrain Australia's ability to regulate legitimately on social, environmental or other similar important public policy matters.

Labour provisions should encourage improved working conditions, human capital development, higher labour productivity and sustained economic growth.

Labour provisions should not constitute disguised protectionism or be punitive or to come at the cost of competitiveness, enterprise growth or trade relations.

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