

Commission study on trade agreements  
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The attached correspondence confirms Trade Minister Crean's support for the international study group proposed by Australian and New Zealand business and industry groups. The study group was foreshadowed in a submission dated 4 February, 2010.

As explained in our letter of 11 February 2010 to Trade Minister Crean, the task of the international study group is to evaluate the options available to reinforce the primacy of the multilateral system—the issue identified in the terms of reference to the Commission as Australia's trade policy priority.

We believe Australia's experience in unilaterally liberalising our own trade barriers is highly relevant to the international study group's mission.

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