



It's time to #ReleaseTheText

Over the past three years negotiations on a trade treaty called the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) have been going on in complete secrecy.

There's a lot at stake across many key issues facing Australian consumers today. Reports have suggested that the TPP could limit our Government's ability to make decisions on food labelling, access to medicines energy, copyright and more! But because the text of the agreement won't be made public until it is signed, consumer groups and the public are being shut out of the process.

That is why CHOICE is calling on Australians to stand up for transparency. The Government should open up the TPP to public scrutiny before agreeing to it. Consumer rights are too important to trade away!

How can I help?

Thousands of consumers signed our petition and funded a half-page advertisement in *The Australian* last year. But with reports that the TPP could be agreed in the coming weeks, it's time to step up the pressure. There is more you can do to help.

1 SHARE	Share our article explaining what the TPP may mean for consumers. Tell your friends and families about what is at stake. Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter using the #ReleaseTheText hashtag. Don't forget to let the Trade Minister know how you feel by using his Twitter handle @AndrewRobbMP .
2 TALK	You can help spread the word further by writing letters to the editors of the newspapers in your local area, city and state. Express your concerns on what the TPP might mean for the members of your community. You can also call talk-back radio, write a blog or run a community stall - anything you can do to get the word out will help!
3 ADVOCATE	Contact your local member of parliament to share your concerns. Organise a meeting if you have time, or you can call, send emails and write letters. Encourage your friends and family to do the same. To find your local member visit the Australian Parliament House website and search using your postcode. Remember to be courteous!



Who else can I contact?

In addition to your local member, there are other important decision-makers you can target in your advocacy.

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