



An open letter to the Government from nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants

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Tēnā koe Prime Minister

We are disturbed to read reports that you intend to seek a hasty conclusion to negotiations on the Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement.

“It’s the best we could do” is not a good enough reason to sign a bad deal.

As health professionals we believe the best we can do to ensure our communities stay healthy is to ask you to reject the deal, and walk away.

Access to the best medicines at the earliest opportunity and at an affordable price is vitally important.

Signing New Zealand up to a deal that puts our health, our sovereignty, and our quality of life at risk is foolhardy.

It is not too late to walk away from Trans Pacific Partnership talks. Please do the right thing for New Zealand.

Nāku iti noa, nā

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation
and the undersigned