Why the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) is a bad deal

Public services serve the good of the community. They must not be sold out to multinational corporations who will charge high user fees and keep all of the profits.

The Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) is being negotiated in secret to make it easier for big multinational companies to take over the vital public services, such as health care and education, which you and your family rely on.

In 50 countries, this deal will open up a wide range of public services to be sold permanently for private profit. The TISA will lock in the privatisations of services — meaning you can never return water, energy, health, education or other services to public hands. It will also make it harder for your government to expand public services for the common good, in future.

The TISA will also restrict your government’s right to regulate stronger standards in your interest. For example, it will affect environmental regulations, licensing of health facilities and laboratories, waste disposal centres, power plants, school and university accreditation and broadcast licenses.

The TISA will limit the ability of governments to regulate the rights and conditions for migrant workers, and prohibit the use of labour market surveys to determine if there are local workers available to do the work.

The TISA will limit the ability of your government to regulate the finance industry and protect the flow of your personal data.

This agreement is all about making it easier for corporations to make profits and operate with impunity across borders. This is a bad deal for people and our planet.

TELL YOUR GOVERNMENT: “THERE MUST BE NO TRADE IN PUBLIC SERVICES!”

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