Australia is required to enact harsh new "anti-circumvention" laws under the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement. Some large business interests are pressing for the government to restrict legitimate access to digital material, even though the treaty does not openly require us to do so.

We should be able to play DVDs and games bought overseas, even though some companies want that ability banned. We should also be able to fast-forward through forced previews on DVDs, copy CDs to iPods, or play iTunes-bought songs on other MP3 players, even though some companies want those banned too. These are legitimate activities on our own property!

This also means that we must be able to create, buy and sell devices or services to do these things, without seeking additional authorisation from the copyright holder: we need competition to supply devices which give us, the <u>legitimate</u> owners of music, movies and games, control over how we use them, despite any restrictions created by overzealous copyright-holders in the future.

We ask the Parliament in the revision of these laws to clearly tie circumvention offenses to things which assist piracy, not activities such as playing our own DVDs or games without explicit permission! We

ask the Parliament to commit to market freedom and competition in Australia, and refuse to provide new legal weaponry against competitive and innovative technology companies and users, such as Free and Open Source software. Address

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How to use this petition: 1. Get people to understand the problem, and have them sign.

- 2. Make sure they haven't signed before (ask them).
- 3. When you have signatures, send all the pages with signatures to:

Don't Ban Innovation Petition **GPO Box 4788** Sydney NSW 2100 Australia

4. We will collate the petitions and submit them to the Attorney General to give to the House of Representatives. We hope that by showing them how many people this affects and how much they care about this issue it will force them to act responsibly when implementing our AUSFTA responsibilities.

For more information, see http://linux.org.au/law

