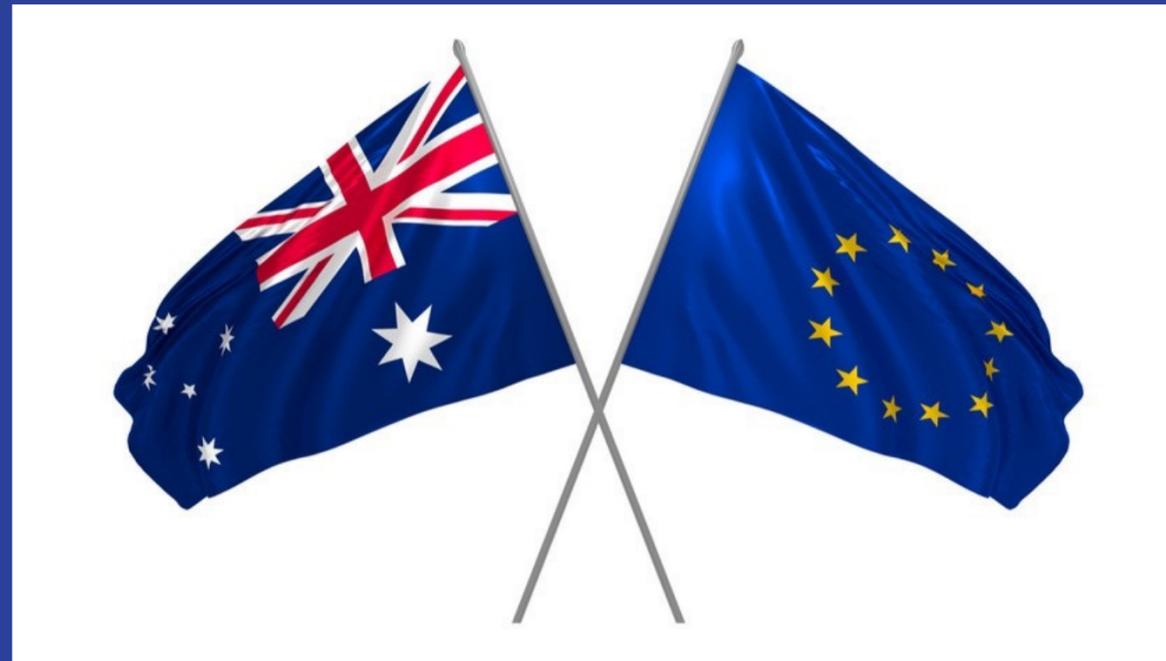


# AUSTRALIA-EU



# EU-Australia relations

Positive relations

Like minded partner:

- Human rights
- Freedom of expression
- Rule of law
- Freedom of organisation
- Market economy
- Freedom of religion
- Favoring a multilateral trading system
- Opposition to capital punishment
- Both participate in Eurovision



# Differences

Different approach to what a trade agreement should be:

- Australia likes purely trade focused agreements
- EU likes comprehensive agreements including topics it thinks are inseparable from trade



# Geographical Indications

"A geographical indication (GI) is a distinctive sign used to identify a product whose quality, reputation or other such characteristics relate to its geographical origin"

Big media covered issue in Australia

Disinformation by media outlets

Main GI issues:

- Prosecco
- Feta



# Climate Change

Michael McCormack's (Deputy Prime Minister) thoughts on coal:

"It pays for a lot of barista machines that produces the coffee that inner-city types sit around and drink and talk about the death of coal."

Agreement to have sustainability chapter in FTA, but very little progress when I was there.



# Future relations

Submarine deal has hindered EU-Australia relations

Possibility for FTA to take longer than expected

"The willingness to compromise, on the European side, has now certainly decreased"

Bernd Lange, Chair of INTA at the European Parliament

