

The Australian Productivity Commission is currently undertaking a review of Australia's Regional and Bilateral Trade Agreements. The first draft of that review is available now. See: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/trade-agreements>

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in their submission to the Productivity Commission review, state very clearly that the Australian government views PACER-Plus as a standard, WTO-compatible, reciprocal FTA.

The DFAT submission reads in part:

*"PACER Plus needs to be seen in the context of Australia's FTA strategy whereby the Australian Government supports the negotiation of comprehensive FTAs that are consistent with the World Trade Organization rules and which complement and reinforce the multilateral trading system."*

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