## Australia's engagement in Afghanistan Submission 4

## Submission to Parliament

The UN Charter is a treaty ratified by the United States and thus part of US law. Under the charter, a country can use armed force against another country only in self-defense or when the Security Council approves. ... **The US war in Afghanistan was illegal.** Australia followed US's illegal war without the consent of Parliament and in turn the citizens of this country. The Australian Prime Minister, John Howard, was the leader of a political party and the one who committed our country to war.

It is unacceptable that a war is initiated by our country without the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

As participants in a 20 year war, and the damage that war did, is a disgrace. That should not have happened. It was pure folly.

We, like the US should only use armed forces in self-defence and not for US's, our country's or any other country's political reasons.

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