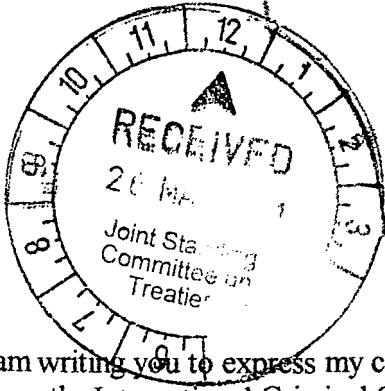


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Submission No. 171.....

The joint standing committee
on treaties



Dear Sir

I am writing you to express my concerns and opposition to
Australia's ratification of the statute on the International Criminal Court.

I see it as yet another UN agency pushing its cultural political agenda

It would have the power to interfere with our legislation on native title and possibly
prosecute, alleging genocide.

Article 44 [4] gives me some concern, this allows the prosecutor to accept personnel gratis
from states and non government organizations to assist the work of the court. Powerful and
well funded non government organizations may come to exercise a disproportionate and
unwanted influence on the prosecutor.

Yours faithfully
Edmund Cahill