

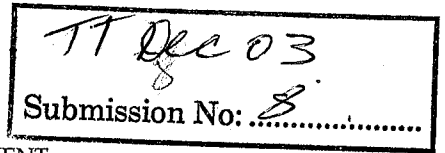


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Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Committee Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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BY:

Dear Dr Southcott

Thank you for your letter of 4 December 2003 regarding the proposed international agreements that are being reviewed by the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Your letter invited comment on the following international agreements tabled in Parliament on 2 and 3 December 2003:

- *Exchange of letters constituting an Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Italian Republic on the Civil Registry Documentation to be Submitted by Australian Citizens Wishing to Marry in Italy* (Rome, 10 February and 11 April 2000).
- *Agreement Establishing an International Foot and Mouth Disease Vaccine Bank* (London, 26 June 1985).
- *Protocol of 1997 to Amend the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of 2 November 1973, as Modified by the Protocol of 17 February 1978* (London, 26 September 1997).
- *United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime* (New York, 15 November 2000).
- *Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* (New York, 15 November 2000).
- *Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air (People Smuggling Protocol), supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime* (New York, 15 November 2000).

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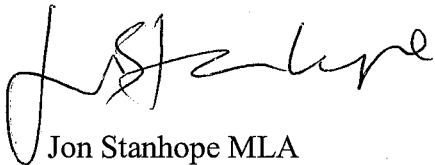
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A number of these treaties have already been the subject of consultation between the Commonwealth and State and Territory Governments.

The ACT will not be making a submission to the Committee on these matters at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the international agreements under inquiry.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Stanhope', written in a cursive style.

Jon Stanhope MLA
Chief Minister

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