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re International Criminal Court.

I don't mind if we become a Republic, but I would far, far prefer to stay part of the British Commonwealth than to be part of the International Criminal Court. What is the good of becoming a Republic if we then hand our sovereignty to the United Nations, whom we don't personally elect, and probably wouldn't agree with a lot of their views? We are a democracy now; let's keep it that way.

It would be crazy too, to implement the laws of the ICC into our laws. What control would we have then? There would be the added expense of dealing with courts overseas (it's bad enough now) we may have to deal with very long jail sentences and who knows, maybe the death penalty in the future!

You can imagine someone who feels "persecuted" wanting to take the case to the ICC, yet we can deal with those situations here.

Please keep Australia safe from unelective interference.

Sincerely

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