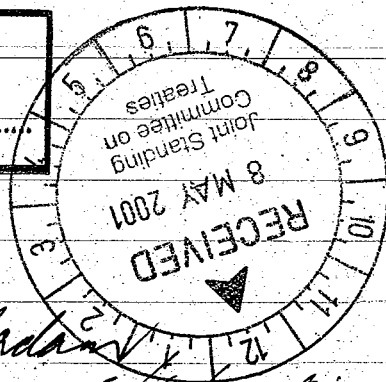


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8 Petter Street,
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14th May, 2001

Dear Sir / Madam

re Ratification of Statute of the
International Criminal Court.

I am writing to you to express my concern at the prospect of the above Court being given jurisdiction in Australia.

Our legal system is one of which we are all justifiably proud and the decisions made reflect the values of the society in which we live. It would be a retrograde step to relinquish control to an unrepresentative body over judicial decisions which are the sovereign right of this nation to make. Such a situation could leave us open to political or ideological viewpoints completely inimical to our own. Here are but some of the reasons I would urge upon you not to support the ratification of this Statute.

Yours faithfully,
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