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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Dear Sir,

I wish to oppose the Australian ratification of the Statute on the International Criminal Court.

Someone who has read it right through is Professor Wilkins of the World Family Policy Centre, he says "as it is at present structured the ICC Statute transfers a vast amount of decisions making authority from previously sovereign nations to an international Court.

It will be remote from various cultures and peoples and be unable to be controlled by them. It can become a tool for radical social engineering. This potential is so great I fear the Court may well tread upon the fundamental right of nations to democratic self-determination"

What kind of morality would they judge by? They would be less enlightened than our present system. Our legal system is based on such enlightenment as Deuteronomy 19:15. Three judges no jury. Should there be a conflict between ICC legislation and existing national legislation, ICC would take precedence. The ICC manual states that it would be prudent to incorporate all acts defined as crimes into their own national laws.

So basically you are free to do as you like, as long as you do what I want.

Yours sincerely
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