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To Secretary
Treaties Committee

Dear sir

I have written to the Attorney General previously re. the international criminal court proposed treaty. His reply was misleading and I wonder if he studied the treaty in full.

The manual states should there be a conflict between I.c.o. legislation and existing national legislation the international law established under the I.c.o.c. and decisions of the I.c.o.c. take precedence.

Most disturbing to any thinking Australian, that outsiders should impose their laws on us

Article 7 refers to "crimes against humanity". We find "persecution" is defined as: "the intentional and severe deprivation of a fundamental right". But what are "fundamental rights" and who will define them.

This is too vague, there is no end to what policies could be foisted on Australia.

These are but two items in the treaty (there are many more) which are of deep concern to me, I believe they are of concern to any thinking Australian.

I ask that the committee not ratify the Treaty as it is currently drafted.

Yours E. Cahill