



**From:** arthur hine [ahha22@one.net.au]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 10 February 2001 10:20 PM  
**To:** Bob.Morris.Reps@aph.gov.au  
**Subject:** submision --: Statute of an International Criminal Court --Objection

I have just become aware of the meeting of the Joint Standing committee held on the 13th Feb, regarding the consideration of the adoption of the Statute of an International Criminal Court, and whether Australia should accept the SIC.

Firstly I must strongly object to the fact that this consideration was basically held in secret, as very little if any media publicity was forthcoming, and the general public had little or no knowledge of it. On

such an important issue, it is amazing that the committee did not make sure that the consideration,

was very widely and publicly advertised, so that the Australian public could make submissions. The fact that there were only 23 submissions is due to the above, lack of knowledge by the public.

As an Australian citizen I must object and protest in the strongest possible manner that this matter could be up for consideration by the JSC. Unfortunately as the time has passed, and this matter has been considered, I strongly urge the committee that if the committee has decided in their wisdom to

recommend the signing of any agreement, that this decision be reversed, as

1 Any International agreement should never over ride the laws of our government.

2 We should never be in a position whereby we are governed by an alien power, and this is quite

possible under this SICC.

3 Australians should never be in a position whereby they are bound by decisions made by alien powers who make decisions which quite possibly is for their own benefit, and to the detriment

of Australia as a whole,

4 Any issue or agreement made by the government which affects all Australians, such as the above

would be unlawful, without a referendum

5 The government does not have the peoples authority to transfer the judicial power to an International Court.

6 In fact it would,( without their knowledge) put all Australians under the control of a foreign power

7 Basically Australia would lose its sovereignty, and could be controlled by International powers

8 This could be the thin edge of a wedge to pass all control to foreign powers.

Submission by:- Arthur Hine  
30 Boyanda St  
Wishart  
Queensland 4122

Would you please acknowledge that this has been received, and forward the latest information regarding the above

I therefore must object most strongly and urge the committee if they have made a decision in favour

of the signing of this agreement, that they reverse such decision