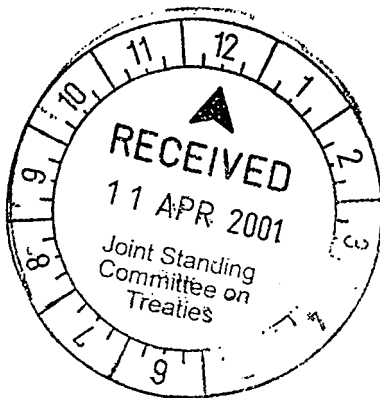


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To the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

I am concerned that if the International Criminal Court (ICC) Statute is ratified it will have the potential to interfere with the present Australian Legal System.

It would worry me if this outside body had the power to try Australians for breaches of law committed in Australia.

I am also concerned if this Statute is ratified, will it have power over the High Court of Australia?

Because this (ICC) Statute, if ratified, will have the potential to create problems, we should stay with our present known system.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Marantelli".

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