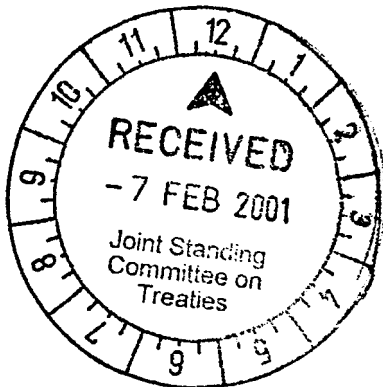


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Submission No. ...47.....

The Secretary  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam

Members of the Pioneer Branch of the National Party are concerned at an article passed on to us by our Federal Member for Dawson, Mrs De-Anne Kelly, referring to the subject of international treaties and the setting up of an International Criminal Court.

This branch supports the Federal Member for Dawson in totally opposing the ratification by a Government of any treaty not endorsed by the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Treaties.

It has been pointed out that should, for example, the Australian Government ratify a treaty to set up an International Criminal Court, the sovereignty of the Australian Legal System would be removed.

This is not democracy as Australians want it. The Australian people are intelligent enough to know how they wish the country to be run and outside influences do not have the right to instruct our Government on how to organise our legal system.

Yours faithfully

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