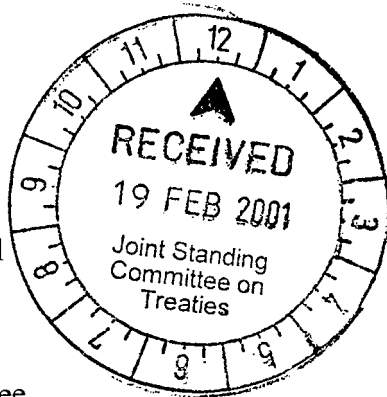


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The Chairman  
Treaties Committee  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

I wish to express my strong opposition to the possible support by the Australian Government (both present and future) to the International Criminal Court.

As I understand the proposed Court, this body has jurisdiction over the High Court of Australia and as such, Australia loses its sovereignty.

I would also strongly recommend that any treaty being placed before the Australian Government be presented to the Australian people for comment **PRIOR** to any signature of acceptance being placed on any document. This presentation to the Australian people must be widely advertised rather than in the Public Notices section of metropolitan newspapers.

Any and all Australian Governments are supposed to represent the people. Governments should not just take for granted that their signature on overseas treaties is automatically accepted by the people. The ballot box does have some influence. However, the ballot box is often far too late for some action such as United Nations treaties to be prevented.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Allen".

**Ray Allen (OAM)**