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The Inquiry Secretary  
Mr Bob Morris  
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
Department of House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Re Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Dear Mr Morris,

As a private citizen, I wish to indicate my objection to the consideration of any overseas proposal that will be binding on the citizens of Australia.

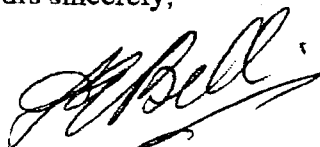
Our elected representatives are responsible for internal issues which affect their electors. Nevertheless any issue that ties us to international agreements should be first agreed to, or rejected by, all citizens per medium of a referendum.

My immediate concern is the proposal before your Committee that Australia should accept the Statute of an International Criminal Court. I regard this as an attempt to undermine the authority of the High Court of Australia, which I consider the ultimate source of justice for every Australian citizen.

An International Criminal Court should not over ride the authority of our own institutions. The citizens of this country should not be bound to decisions made by an external authority, whose recognition of our common law rights are suspect.

I urge the Committee to reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L. E. Bell