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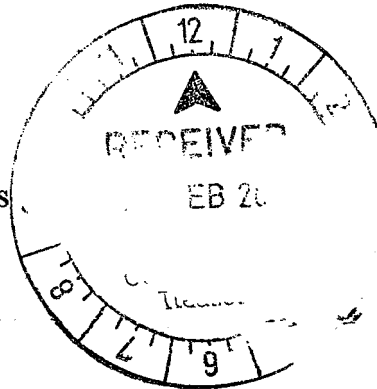
Submission No.98.....

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The Inquiry Secretary
Mr. Bob Morris
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Dept of House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Re - Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our opinion regarding Australia being a party to the Statute of International Criminal Code. We must first mention that we're somewhat astounded at the lack of publicity this intended action has received. The only way we found out about it was through the Internet.

Our submission is as follows:

Australia should **not** be party to the Statute of International Criminal Code because:-

1. It overrides Australian sovereignty:

Australia (the government) rejected appeals to the Privy Council in order to end jurisdiction by "foreign" authorities. To be bound to an international agreement of this kind would appear to be somewhat hypocritical and quite the opposite of the policy for our nation's 'sovereignty'.

We believe it is not in the best interests of the Australian people to transfer sovereignty to an alien foreign power. The UN, by virtue of the fact that other countries, of which Australia is only one,

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occupy its seats, automatically must be considered a **foreign power**. In other words, foreign powers in the vast majority can and will over-rule Australia any time they want. Australia's parliament does **not** have the **peoples' authority** for such a transfer of juridical sovereignty.

To transfer sovereignty to a foreign power could only be lawful **following a referendum of the population**. This has not been carried out.

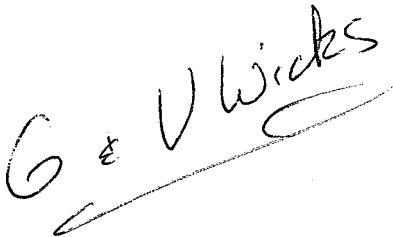
2. Should Australia become a party to this Code:

- a) It would place all Australians under the control of a foreign alien power without their individual knowledge or authority.
- b) It would place all Australians under an authority over which they could not have proper democratic influence, being only one member of many.
- c) Australia, being a mere speck, would be overlooked, as more powerful countries would hold sway.
- d) Australians would have no reasonable or democratic control over future developments of the Code, again being in the minority.

3. Should the government force Australia to become party to this Code, all persons involved in the support of such involvement will have acted against the best interests of their own people and in all likelihood have committed an act of treachery against the Australian people.

We request that the Australian government immediately halt any plans as above, and either put the matter to referendum or to rest.

Yours sincerely



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