



Submission from

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**The Inquiry Secretary
Mr Bob Morris**

Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
House of Representatives
Canberra ACT 2600

Submission No.149.....

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Dear Sir,

My wife and I are deeply concerned with the intention of the Australian Government to ratify the UN proposal to establish the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**.

As private citizens, we wish to indicate our 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 that effect their electors. But, any issue that ties us to international agreements should first be agreed to, or rejected by, all citizens per medium of a referendum.

An International Criminal Court should not have the power to over ride the authority of democratically elected governments, or our own legal institutions. Nor should the citizens of this country be bound to decisions made by any external authority, whose recognition of our common law rights are suspect. We urge the Committee to reject the ICC proposal.

We would therefore urge you to strenuously oppose the ratification of the ICC.

Yours sincerely

Alan & Lyn Barron

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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

Dear Sir,

Statute of International Criminal Code

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Our submission is:

Australia should not be party to the Statute of International Criminal Code.

Because:

1 It overrides Australian sovereignty:

Australia (government) rejected appeals to the Privy Council in order to end jurisdiction by "foreign" authorities. It is therefore hypocritical and a reversal of existing policy of independent sovereignty.

It is not in the best interests of the Australian people to transfer sovereignty to an alien foreign power.

The parliament does not have the people's 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.

2 Should Australia become a party to this Code:

It would place all Australians under the control of a foreign alien power without their individual knowledge or authority, and

It would place all Australians under an authority over which they could not possibly have proper democratic influence, and

It would place all Australians under an authority that will be concerned more about the interests of more powerful nations than it would be about Australians, and

Australians would have no reasonable or democratic control over future developments of the Code.

3 Should Australia become party to this Code:

All persons involved in the support of such involvement will have committed an act of treachery against the Australian people for which they will be held fully accountable.

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