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Committee Secretary
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Regarding the 26th August, 2008 treaty tabled at the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties which is an extension to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Australia and our people do not want nor need such an "extension." Democratic process has occurred on these matters and declined. Truthfully, IVF for singles, abortion, gay marriage, etc. should not be referred to a foreign court for law in our land.

For Australia to sign such an "optional protocol" treaty on women's rights would ridicule the time honored values of our fore bearers, and this is not enlightenment, or sensible progress. Groups like the CEDAW should not be allowed to put growing pressure on Australian governments to liberalise their democratically established laws.

Respectfully & Sincerely P.H. Ariens.