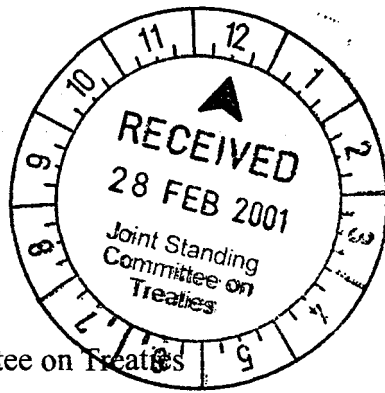


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The Secretary
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Submission No.132.....

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to express my grave concern re the possibility of Australia ratifying the 1998 Statute for the International Criminal Court.

I believe that any treaty should be subject to public debate and parliamentary approval prior to any ratification. Australians through their elected representatives are well able to determine and administer their own legal and criminal affairs without being bound to off shore dictates.

Any ratification if the treaty would further expose us to foreign interference and undermine our sovereignty. Let Australia be governed by Australians.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barry Lindner".

Barry Lindner