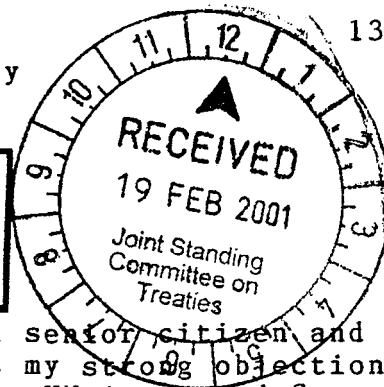


The Chairman,
International Criminal Court Treaty
C/- Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2601

13/02/01



Dear Chairman

Submission No. 112

As a law-abiding Australian senior citizen and Justice of the Peace (NSW), I wish to express my strong objection to our Australian Government ratifying the UN-initiated Statuette of the International Criminal Court. (ICC)

The general principles of criminal law to be applied by the ICC. will not be those that we enjoy under the Westminster system in Australia at present.

Our own domestic criminal laws will have to be amended to comply with the requirements of the Statuette's "complimentarity principle".

The crime "agression" to be included at a later date. This "agression" does not only cover physical actions, it can also mean a forceful or self-assertive way of speaking or writing. It could result in detainment of ordinary citizens merely exercising their freedom of speech.

In my opinion all Australian politicians who support the signing of this dangerous document should be dismissed as they are guilty of ignorance and naivety, treachery and sedition.

The same applies to all state premiers who were consulted and did not raise one objection.

I pray that the Treaty Committee will listen and hear the comments from ordinary caring Australians and express their considered opinion in a pro-Australian way.

Yours faithfully,

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