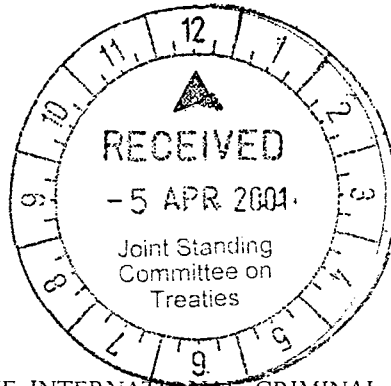


TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE  
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RE THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Submission No. <u>187</u> .....
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I believe that International Treaties take away our Sovereignty and, as Australia is recognised as an advanced nation, we do not need International Treaties to impose a set of regulations upon this Nation that do not take into account our diversity and heritage.

The ICC is an International Agreement that Australia should not EVER sign.

I would draw the attention of the Committee to the attitude of the American Government which has introduced BILL 2726 into congress to prohibit US officials from co-operating with the ICC.

Under the ICC there is no right to trial by jury and a person would have to give self incriminating evidence.

The US BILL 2726 will stop any US peacekeeping force from taking part in any operation where the ICC has any jurisdiction and military assistance would be denied to any nation that signs the Treaty.

The ICC regardless of the findings of an Australian court could prosecute Australians and as the UN has a very bad record in the way it interprets its own treaties (under the influence of minor pressure groups) Australia should become a World Leader and refuse to sign this treacherous Agreement.

It is also interesting to note that the US has started to find a way out of the 'Greenhouse' agreement.

Yours for a Better Australia

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "G.F. Tonge". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

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