



4th September 2008.

Committee Secretary,
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,
House of Representatives,
P.O. Box 6021,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA A.C.T. 2600.

SUBMISSION NO. 4

TT on 26 August 2008

Dear Sir/Madam,

Treaty name: Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All
Forms of Discrimination against Women of 18th December 1979

I wish to say, in relation to the above treaty, that Australia should not sign this 'optional protocol' treaty on women's rights, which is currently being reviewed by the Federal Parliamentary Treaties Joint Committee. If Australia signs this, then any individual or group can directly appeal to a U.N. "court" on any issue relating to women's discrimination, once their domestic avenues of protest have been exhausted.

CEDAW's current and previous directors are radical feminists with a secular humanist agenda. They have and will interpret gender equality issues accordingly.

Groups like CEDAW will put growing pressure on Australian governments to liberalise their democratically established laws.

Yours sincerely,

John E. Gōji.