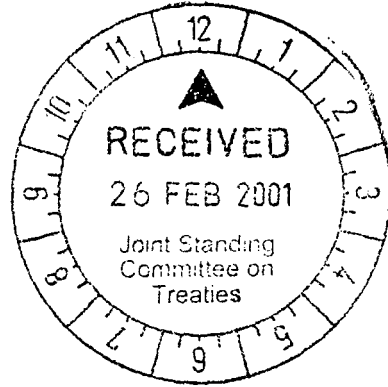


Submission No.122.....



The Secretary,
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties,
Parliament House
CANBERRA. ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

I do not support Australia signing the international treaty ratifying the International Criminal Court.

If we do support the establishment of this international legal system, I very much fear that the social engineers in Australia (and elsewhere) would use it to undermine our nation. In particular, aggrieved feminists, Aboriginal groups, illegal immigrant advocacy groups and radical multiculturalists could be encouraged to launch all sorts of criminal proceedings against this country. This would be enormously damaging to our social cohesion and to the national interest.

I urge the federal government to support the concept of national independence and self-determination. Having abolished appeals to the Privy Council in Britain, it seems ironic for Australia to support the establishment of another supra-national legal entity to which future generations of Australians will be required to kneel. This irony seems particularly acute for republicans who have long campaigned for an "Australian" head of state. Our head of state will be totally irrelevant if we have to obey a growing plethora of international laws.

I believe that the laws which apply in Australia should be those made by Australians.

I urge the Joint Standing Committee to oppose the signing of this treaty.

Yours faithfully,

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