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Dear Sir, Madam,

I have heard that there are loose definitions in the Rome Statute for the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Two examples ^{of such looseness} brought to my notice ^{are} that crimes ~~such as~~ include genocide by causing serious mental harm and persecution by "serious denial of fundamental human rights recognised by international law".

Ratifying ~~the~~ the Statute on the International Criminal Court seems to be a surrender of Australian sovereignty to poorly defined international law open to manipulation by special interest groups.

There needs to be a wider debate on issues involved, and ratification of laws in which Australian sovereignty is wantonly damaged leaves the way open for a significant number of voters to move towards the One Nation Party and Independents.

Yours sincerely, John Moylan