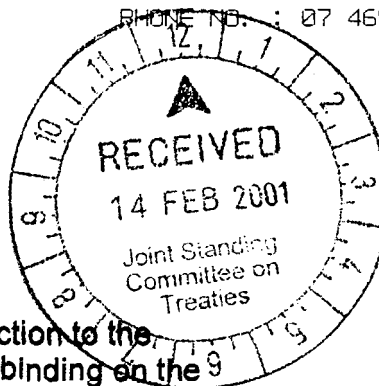


Submission No. 53



> **Re - Joint Standing Committii on Treaties**

> **Dear Sir,**

> As a private citizen, I wish to indicate my objection to the  
> consideration of any overseas proposal that will be binding on the  
> citizens  
> of Australia. Our elected representatives are responsible for internal  
> issues that effect their electors. But, any issue that ties us to  
> international agreements should be first agreed to, or rejected by, all  
> citizens per medium of a referendum.  
> An International Criminal Court should not over ride the  
> authority  
> of own institutions. Nor should the citizens of this country be bound to  
> decisions made by any external authority, whose recognition of our common  
> law rights are suspect. I urge the Committee to reject this proposal.

> Yours sincerely

> *A. Schubert*

> My submission follows,  
> The Inquiry Secretary  
> Mr. Bob Morris  
> Joint Standing Committee on Treaties  
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> Parliament House  
> Canberra ACT 2600

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> 13th February 2001

> Joint Standing Committee on Treaties

> Dear Sir,

Statute of International Criminal Code

SUBMISSION

> My submission is:

> Australia should not be party to the Statute of International Criminal  
> Code.

> Because:

> 1. It overrides Australian sovereignty:

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- > Australia (government) rejected appeals to the Privy Council in order to
- > end
- > jurisdiction by "foreign" authorities. It is therefore hypocritical and
- > a
- > reversal of existing policy of independent sovereignty.
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- > It is not in the best interests of the Australian people to transfer
- > sovereignty to an alien foreign power.
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- > The parliament does not have the peoples' authority for such a transfer
- > of
- > juridical sovereignty.
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- > To transfer sovereignty to a foreign power could only be lawful following
- > a
- > referendum of the population.
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- > 2. Should Australia become a party to this Code:
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- > it would place all Australians under the control of a foreign alien power
- > without their individual knowledge or authority, and
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- > it would place all Australians under an authority over which they could
- > not
- > possible have proper democratic influence, and
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- > it would place all Australians under an authority that will be concerned
- > more about the interests of more powerful nations that it would be about
- > Australians, and
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- > Australians would have no reasonable or democratic control over future
- > developments of the Code.
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- > 3. Should Australia become party to this Code:
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- > all persons involved in the support of such involvement will have
- committed
- > an act of treachery against the Australian people for which they will be
- > held fully accountable.
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- > Submission by,
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- > Ian Gregory Schultz,
- > Natural citizen elector.
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