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TO BOB MORRIS

INQUIRY SECRETARY - JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON TREATIES

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SUBJECT RE STATUTE OF AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

DEAR SIR

AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN OF AUSTRALIA I WISH TO REGISTER MY
 OPPOSITION TO ANY PROPOSAL TO ENTER INTO A TREATY
 WHICH ALLOWS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT THE
 AUTHORITY TO OVERRULE DECISIONS BY OUR COURTS OR
 GOVERNMENTS OR WHICH WOULD BIND US TO DECISIONS
 MADE BY EXTERNAL AUTHORITIES WHO ARE NOT PREPARED
 TO RECOGNISE OUR COMMON LAWS

ONE SHOULD REMIND THE HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF
 THE COMMITTEE THAT AT THE RECENT REFERENDUM AN
 OVERWHELMING MAJORITY VOTED TO RETAIN THE
 CONSTITUTION IN ITS PRESENT FORM AND I AM SURE MOST
 WOULD ALSO BELIEVE THIS INCLUDED MAINTAINING
 THE INTEGRITY AND AUTONOMY OF OUR LEGAL SYSTEM.
 I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT GIVEN WE ARE IN AN
 ELECTION YEAR THAT ANY RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS
 PROPOSAL BE PRESENTED TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE
 BALLOT BOX

Yours sincerely
 V R Emerton