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The Honorable Julie Bishop

Dear Ms. Bishop:

I am a Professor of Law at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and an expert on the International Criminal Court. I attended the entire 7-week negotiation of the Rome Statute, and have attended every preparatory session for the creation of the Court. I understand Australia is considering ratifying the ICC Treaty. The Treaty is seriously flawed. I have attached a response to a recent editorial written by Mr. Daryl Williams, your Attorney-General. I have also attached a longer essay examining the many defects of the Court.

Please read these materials before voting to commit Australia to a well-intentioned, but grievously flawed, international tribunal that has the grave potential — not to reduce international crimes and injustice — but to mete it out instead. I am travelling until June 19. But, should you have any questions, please call me at the cell phone number listed below.

Very truly yours,
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