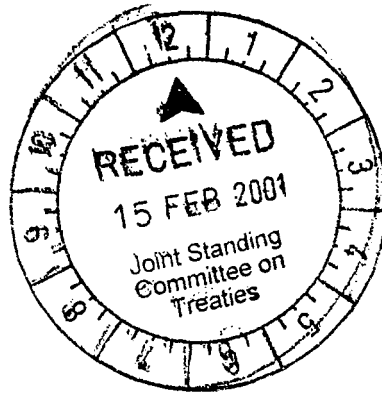


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The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

The Enquiry Secretary,
To Mr. Bob Morris,

It has come to my notice that the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties is considering a statute of international law to override the decisions of our own Australian law. I apologise for this letter possibly arriving later than 13/2/01, however, as there was very little publicity given to this proposed legislation, I have only just become aware of it.

Whatever the reason for this contemplated decision, which appears to be somewhat secretive, I would like to register my disapproval.

This law would be yet another infringement on our national rights and would appear to be quite unnecessary in Australia. If it is designed to enable the arrest of criminals in foreign countries, it is surely a case of taking a sledgehammer to crack a nut (or nutter, as the case may be). In any case Interpol should be able to deal with the majority of such cases.

Would you please acknowledge this letter, and I would appreciate more information on the subject, as soon as possible.

In any case, according to our Constitution, such an invasion of our national rights, should be put to a people's referendum -- as should many of the secretive decisions by our recent governments.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Cliff".

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