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The Chairperson
Aust. Parly. Ctee on International Treaties,
Parliament House,
Canberra A.C.T. 2600.

Submission No.148.....

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please find enclosed a copy of
my letter to Mr. John Howard P.M., expressing
my strong opposition to any involvement by
Australia with the International Criminal
Court.

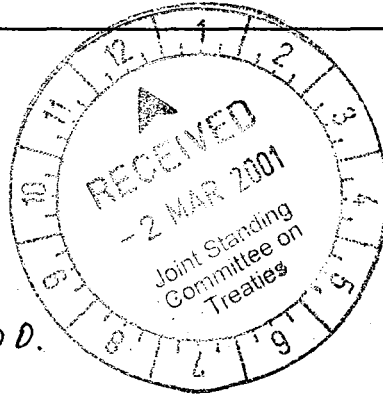
Yours faithfully,
James D. Ward (Brother)



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Mr John Howard,
Prime Minister,
Parliament House,
Canberra A.C.T. 2600.



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Dear Mr. Howard,

I write in relation to the proposed 'International Criminal Court'. I consider this court as a very grave danger to Australia's sovereignty and independence and a real threat to our justice system and social mores. The logic of the court's mandate further portends:

Genocide charges will be made against Australian citizens.

Prosecution charges will be made against Australian citizens.

The court will have unaccountable judges.

Prosecutors in the court will be unaccountable. Court rules + procedures will be worse than Australian courts + be open to corruption.

I would, therefore, request that you:

1. Refuse to allow Australia to sponsor this International Criminal Court.



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- II Refuse to allow Australia to sign
the J.C.C. Statute.
- III Agree that all future international treaties
must require ratification by a two thirds
majority of both the Australian House of
Representatives & the Australian Senate.

Yours sincerely,

James D. Ward (Brother)