

The Prime Minister  
John Howard  
C.O. Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT. 2600  
CC – Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Submission No. ....194.....

**Re: Concern and opposition to Australia's ratification of the statute for the International Criminal Court.**

Dear Prime Minister

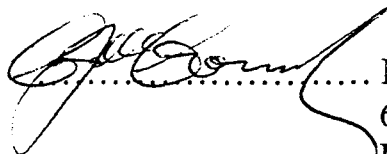
I am aware of the determination of some powerful and influential non-government organizations to use the I.C.C. to give more teeth to the kinds of social engineering being carried out by the U.N. Treaty Committees and that your government has recently put the U.N. Treaty Committee system on notice that we are no longer going to tolerate arbitrary interference with Australia's sovereignty and unjustified criticism of Australia's human rights performance.

However, the ratification of the 1998 statute for the I.C.C. would represent a much more serious assault on Australia's sovereignty, and would licence an alien body to interfere directly and powerfully in Australia's domestic affairs, to the extent of being able to arrest, try and imprison Australian citizens for alleged crimes committed on Australian soil.

Such a surrender of sovereignty may be unconstitutional, it is certainly unwarranted, unjustified, undemocratic and un-Australian.

I thank you and your government in advance for your vigilance and further action in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely



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