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SUBMISSION NO. 9
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Dear Committee Secretary,

In relation to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women of 18th December 1979, I strongly urge the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties not to sign this option protocol.

Our democratically established laws are made and upheld by Australians, who take human rights abuse and the rights of Australian women very seriously. This treaty deals with matters which should be decided in the Australian parliaments and courts. There should be no final appeal to an United Nations tribunal/committee.

Allowing such action in in abdication of our sovereignty.

Again, I urge you NOT to sign this treaty which is against Australia's national interests.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely,

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