

19 April 2000

The Secretary
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Sir,

I would submit that a technology-not new, but effective, - such as a Geo-Stationary or Geo-Synchronous, satellite, could be used to detect vessels en route to Australia carrying illegal immigrants, intercept and re route them before they enter Australian waters.

Also, an Australian Coastwatch could also be used to apprehend illegal fishing vessels in our immediate waters, and also those waters in Antarctica that are subject to the poaching of the Patagonian tooth fish. Also, with the new law on the taking of Minke and other endangered whales.

Does this review come under the auspices of the Joint Standing Committee on Treaties?

Yours faithfully

[signed]

Garry O'Gorman