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To:
Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
House of Representatives,
Canberra 2600

Submission No.210.....

Dear Sir/Madam

Justice Michael Kirby says the proposed International Criminal Court (ICC) will ensure "no corner of the world is entirely safe for tyrants".

The ICC could mean nowhere in the world is safe for anyone.

The ICC's definitions of certain crimes defy common sense, e.g. genocide includes "serious . . . mental harm to a group".

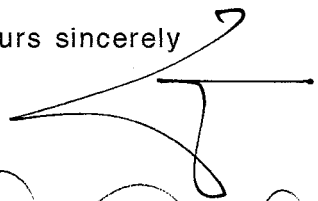
Could an Australian family who in good faith raised an aboriginal child "stolen" from its mother, be dragged before the ICC?

Or a churchman saying deaths resulting from homosexual acts are as fatal as those caused by smoking, be convicted of genocide?

- * the ICC will be able to impose penalties up to life imprisonment.
- * no jury, only a panel of judges.
- * nowhere to appeal against ICC rulings, except to the ICC itself.

Australia should not ratify the International Criminal Court Statute.

Yours sincerely


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