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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties
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Dear Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Secretariat,

Since 2008 I am the man behind the **“NoBody needs Mercury!”** NGO and (together with my international network) continue to be (with legal means) fighting for a global ban on all man-made mercury-containing products/sources.

We all know by now that Mercury is the most (non-radioactive) poisonous substance on earth, so let's please not waste precious time debating that fact.

With the above in mind I am naturally very much in favour of that, together with more than 130 countries, Australia now (finally) ratifies the Minamata Convention and acts/abides by it afterwards.

I could write a lengthy document about the ongoing mercury poisoning of humans (chronic accumulated mercury toxicity, etc.) and the environment, but the Regulation Impact Statement prepared by the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) clearly and wisely states all of these issues. So please read with attention and smartness the nice work done by DAWE.

As head of **“NoBody needs Mercury!”** I thus “only” kindly (but firmly) ask you (Australia) to ratify the Minamata Convention (after signing it Oct 13, 2013) and by doing so actively aiding an international effort on controlling Mercury (Hg) pollution and bring Australia a par with all the counterpart countries, who have ratified the convention already (also my two home-countries = Denmark, and Germany):

- <https://www.mercuryconvention.org/Countries/Parties/tabid/3428/language/en-US/Default.aspx>
- <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/minamata-convention-mercury-marks-three-years-protecting-human-health-and>

Many thanks in advance for acting now!

Kind regards and all the best,
Henrik Eddau Kock

„**NoBody needs Mercury!**“
<https://poisonmetal.com/MercuryPoisoning/Start.html>