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The Inquiry Secretary Mr. Bob Morris Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Dept of House of Representatives Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

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Joint Standing Committee on Treaties Dear Sir,

Statute of International Criminal Code

## SUBMISSION

My submission is:

Australia should not be party to the Statute of International Criminal Code Because:

1. It overrides Australian sovereignty;

Australia (government) rejected appeals to the Privy Council in order to end Jurisdiction by "foreign" authorities. It is therefore hypocritical and a Reversal of existing policy of independent sovereignty;

It is not in the best interests of the Australian people to transfer Sovereignty to an alien foreign power;

The parliament does not have the peoples' authority for such a transfer of Juridical sovereignty; and

To transfer sovereignty to a foreign power could only be lawful following a Referendum of the population.

2. Should Australia become a party to this Code:

It would place all Australians under the control of a foreign alien power without their individual knowledge or authority;

It would place all Australians under an authority over which they could not possibly have proper democratic influence;

It would place all Australians under an authority that will be concerned more about the interests of more powerful nations that it would be about

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Australians; and

Australians would have no reasonable or democratic control over future developments of the Code.

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3. Should Australia become party to this Code:

All persons involved in the support of such involvement will have committed an act of treachery against the Australian people for which they will be Held fully accountable.

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