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Submission No. 158



To: Joint Standing Committee on Treaties.

Re: Treaty to Ratify the International Criminal Court.

Dear Committee Members:

I urge the Committee to not ratify the Treaty on the International Criminal Court. There are many dangers involved and it is not in the best interests of the Australian people.

As a consequence of this treaty we in effect surrender our Sovereignty. That can not be in the national interest and while we may at this point agree with the general philosophies of the ICC that could change dramatically in the future. We see already in some United Nations Organizations an aggressive and militant effort to impose the agenda of individual Non Government Organizations (NGO's) on the poorer and less powerful countries.

Already a prospective ICC Judge has stated she would indict the Pope for " Crimes against humanity" in his treatment of homosexuals. This sort of nonsense is really wasting valuable time and money. I object wholeheartedly to someone who is removed from Australia having such power over us. I accept that we live in a global economy but that does not mean we should surrender our individuality and our power to anyone.

Please do Not ratify the Treaty.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gordana Duvnjak".

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