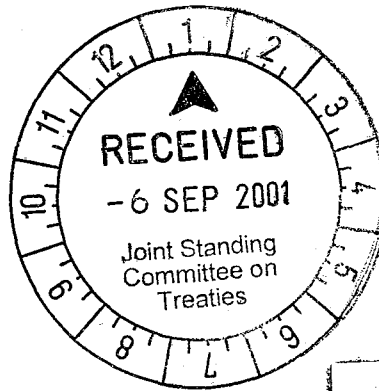


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AUSTRALIA BECOMING SIGNITORY TO THE ICC

Submission No.237.....

Dear Sir/Madam

I believe that the Federal Parliament is currently discussing the matter of Australia becoming a signatory to the ICC. It is of concern to me that Australia is considering this move.

As a member of the Christian community in this country, I am worried that the inclusion of people from other religions in the development of the guidelines on which crimes against humanity are determined in the ICC, will help to undermine our own criminal law and its reliance on the rule of Law, which in turn is based on the Christian Scriptures.

I believe that this very reliance on the Bible has given Australia continuity and stability from the beginning of Federation and would like to see this continued into the future.

Thank you for considering the views of the Australian people through submissions.

Yours faithfully

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