



Online Submission Form for the review of the Assisted Reproductive Treatment Act 1988 (SA)

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Preliminary Data

What is your association to assisted reproductive treatment?: Member of the public

If you belong to a company or organisation – what is the name of that organisation?:

Do you make this submission in your individual or professional capacity?: Individual

If you live outside of Australia which country do you live in?: Australia

1. Please comment upon the requirement within the Act that the welfare of any child born as a consequence of assisted reproductive treatment (A.R.T.) is treated as being of paramount importance, and accepted as a fundamental principle, in respect of the operation of the Act, as well as in the provision of assisted reproductive treatment.: It is important that in

the long run, the welfare of the child is what should be primarily considered.

2. Please comment upon the replacement of the previous licensing scheme with a registration scheme for A.R.T. clinics Fertility clinics and those providing professional fertility services should be reportable to the Minister so the Minister can be held accountable and oversee the actions undertaken by the clinics.

3. Please comment on the dissolution of the SA Council on Reproductive Technology and its Code of Ethical Clinical Practice.: I have no problem with the dissolution of SACRT as it is no longer relevant to today's society having the church involved in legal issues.

4. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of the legislation regarding access to assisted reproductive treatment in South Australia. In particular, the conditions set out in the Act and in the regulations that relate to the circumstances in which, and to whom, A.R.T. may be provided.: Marriage is not a necessary requirement for the long term welfare of a child. The right to have a child should not be denied purely for reasons of sexual orientation and/or the lack of presence of a partner.

5. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of the Act in relation to it providing for the establishment of a donor conception register.: I think it's a good thing to have a donor conception register

6. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of provisions within the Act for record keeping and confidentiality.: It's useful for The Government to track the statistics and Medicare spending on ART for future planning. The offspring from ART should be able to access information about their donor to be able to obtain a genetic history.

Any Other Matter: I'm wondering if there are age restriction on the age of a male donor providing sperm as the documents only mentioned the female recipients age requirement.



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