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# 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?: Person who has used assisted reproductive treatment

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.:

**2. Please comment upon the replacement of the previous licensing scheme with a registration scheme for A.R.T. clinics** I think this is a good move and hopefully results in more better and consistent treatments and facilities across the country. I am interested in the ethical review as this is of most importance to me personally.

**3. Please comment on the dissolution of the SA Council on Reproductive Technology and its Code of Ethical Clinical Practice.:** This aligns us with the national standard but I am unsure as to whether this is in fact better.

**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.:** I really like that the marital status clause was removed this is a big step forward.

**5. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of the Act in relation to it providing for the establishment of a donor conception register.:** This is a good step to have a register for donor conceptions. I am unclear as to how it is handled now but a national scheme for this would be the most effective, especially as we move towards a more global world and people relocating more often. I personally would like to have seen anonymous donors as an option with regulated funding and the ability when they are >18years to be able to access it. However, this is available overseas and is becoming more accessible to Australians as it is EXTREMELY hard to find egg donors in Australia.

**6. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of provisions within the Act for record keeping and confidentiality.:** no comment

**Any Other Matter:** I really would like an option for egg donation being anonymous similar to South Africa laws. The market is growing in this area and more Australians are travelling overseas for this option. However, I understand this contradicts the donor register too, so Australia has chosen its path.



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