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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?: Donor-conceived person

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?:

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.: Decisions made by

consenting adults that result in the creation of a child (who will one day be an adult) who cannot consent to being conceived using artificial reproductive technology must consider above all else the welfare of that child and the flow on effects to that individual and their own future children. It is not fair or just to expect donor conceived people to forgo medical history and information about who they are genetically related (information which is vital to their long term wellbeing) simply because a donor or recipient parent decided that anonymity was an acceptable scenario. Donors willingly entered an arrangement in which they full well knew that children would be created. Removing anonymity will not place the burden of parenthood onto donors, but it would remove the burden of genetic bewilderment from humans who had no say in a contract that was signed relating to their identity.

2. Please comment upon the replacement of the previous licensing scheme with a registration scheme for A.R.T. clinics

3. Please comment on the dissolution of the SA Council on Reproductive Technology and its Code of Ethical Clinical Practice.:

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.:

5. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of the Act in relation to it providing for the establishment of a donor conception register.: A donor conception register is long overdue. The Victorian model is a good example of how it can be achieved. Ideally a central registry which ensures records are kept and preserved is needed, whereby people relating to those records can access available data.

6. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of provisions within the Act for record keeping and confidentiality.:

Any Other Matter:



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