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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?: patient

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

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.:

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

Any Other Matter: Hi Sonia, after numerous attempts at IVF interstate and SA I would like to see the following changes. - I believe that a donor (sperm) should only be allowed to donate to 5 women instead of 10. (I apologise if this has already changed.) Obviously a lower figure is better for the child born from donor material. - When selecting a donor the ART recipients should be better informed. They should receive a full medical background and photo of the donor when the donor was a baby or toddler etc. This booklet of information can be kept for the child when they are old enough to understand they have come from donor sperm/eggs/embryo. - Agree with the donor data base and the donor data base should include, a certified copy of the donor's birth certificate (which is proof of ID if the child wants to contact them when they are 18 yrs), personal details and contact details. This data base should also include copies of birth certificates of children who are born from donor material. This data base should remain confidential with very strict access laws. Agree with current laws which allow the child to contact the donor when they reach the age of 18 and all donations are given to clinics free of charge.

- I believe there need to be better guidelines in relation to sperm/egg donations and the quality of sperm/egg provided. We found out on our last ART attempt that the sperm we had purchased was only good enough for ICSI and not IVF because of the poor quality. We may not have needed as many ICSI attempts if we had better quality sperm. Clinics generally don't give out this information, we only found out because we asked the lab tech.

There should be more quality controls with all donations. Couples are

investing a great deal emotionally and financially when undertaking ART. - I know this may be hard to legislate however I believe if people are using donations they should have a better choice of where those donations come from. They should include Australian donations and donations from overseas. This reduces the chance of children born from donations meeting other children with the same or part parentage. -All ART clinics in SA should be using the same consent forms and all these consent forms should be stored in the same manner despite which clinic you and/or your partner attend. -ART should be available to single women and same sex couples not just couples who have a medical infertility. -Totally agree with Karen Abraham's comments about background checks which are paramount to a child's welfare and safety. - I would like to see a financial cap on what couples pay for ART to make it more accessible to the average person/couple. - It has cost us approximately \$35,000 for 8 attempts. I know some families have paid more and some less. I am extremely grateful for the wonderful family I have with the assistance of ART :)



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