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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?: Sperm
Donor 1979 at Royal Womens Hospital Melbourne

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.: I fully agree

2. Please comment upon the replacement of the previous licensing

scheme with a registration scheme for A.R.T. clinics Agree

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

Agree

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.: Unknown

5. Please comment on the effectiveness and operation of the Act in relation to it providing for the establishment of a donor conception register.: Unknown

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

Any Other Matter: As a Victorian sperm donor (1979) I have witnessed the changes in attitudes and changes in legislation relating to donor conceived people. Since the legislation instituted in June 2015, I have been enabled to make contact with my donor offspring. I have three donor offspring (a female to one family and two boys to another). The female responded to my request for contact through BDM and it has been a most rewarding relationship for Mary (the donor conceived person), myself and my family. Mary had no siblings and she now has three including nieces and nephews. We are all in daily contact with her and she is a loved part of our family. She decided not to tell her parents and her relationship with them has not changed. Two suggestions: 1. VARTA are better placed than BDM for contact with the DCP due to their greater experience and knowledge in these matters. 2. All the legislation in the world will not help DCP who have not been told of the circumstances of their birth by their parents. Public education is very important to encourage parents to tell.



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