

**Submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs References Committee Inquiry into the Past & Present Practices of Donor Conception.**

I am 17 years old and I am donor conceived.

I've always known that I was donor conceived. I don't even remember being told the first time.

My parents got information about the donor from the clinic

Callum's donor was born in 1947. He had been married and was now separated. He was between 175 - 184cm tall, weighed between 81 - 90kgs and of medium build. He had brown hair and brown eyes with a fair complexion. He was a boiler maker by trade and his interests lay in architecture and drawing.

The information is pathetic. Hundreds upon thousands of people have the same appearance etc. It doesn't really tell me anything about him as a person.

One of the biggest problems I have is the worry of hereditary diseases as I have no medical history on the donor.

My brother and sister were conceived with different donor to me. My mum and dad tried to contact all three donors but the clinic said that my donor didn't want contact and the clinic scientist didn't ask for more information that they could share with me.

The clinic told my parents that I have three half brothers that they know of but I don't know how many more there might be or if the donor has any children of his own.

It would be very interesting to meet my half siblings. For all I know they could be someone I have known all my life.

I would like the Senate committee to recommend that federal legislation be passed to allow me to have identifying information on my donor and to set up a register to allow me the chance to contact my half siblings.

Yours Sincerely  
Callum Lorbach