

Dear Sir/Madam,

To the Senate Inquiry into the Past & Present Practices of Donor Conception in Australia,
With respect, I feel that all donor conceived people should have access to information about their donor no matter which state or territory in Australia they were born and no matter when they were born.

In the current situation donor conceived people are the only group of people in Australia who have information about their biological parentage deliberately kept from them by organisations and governments.

The denial of this information can be psychologically harmful to donor conceived people. It may also be detrimental to their physical wellbeing by preventing them from having a full family medical history.

I ask that the Committee recommends that the Federal Government enacts legislation to give all Australian Donor Conceived People the right to have access to all available information on their donors.

Having adopted two children some twenty five years ago when they were 6 and 9 years old I realise how difficult it will be for them to plan for their future families not knowing what their health history was and what effect their decision to have children will be on future generations.

May your deliberations be well defined and honest with an outcome that will allow our future generations some peace and closure.

Regards,

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