

The Committee secretary
senate Legal Constitutional Committee
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Canberra 2600
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to your Committee as a concerned Parent. My Husband and I have been blessed with the Gift of a Precious Son born 3 Years ago as the result of receiving donated Embryos. I feel that despite the fact that his donor parents promised to be willing to be identified there are still many loopholes which information could fall through.

If his donor parents choose to have no contact with him in the future the promise to be willing to be identified becomes USELESS as the Reproductive Clinic where the treatment took place could feel that there is little point in revealing anymore information to us than what we already have been given. This only includes Non-identifying physical information, places of birth and a rough idea of age of all parties concerned.

For us the main issue is that I feel there could be a problem in the future in regards to our Son's Dating habits. He could end up becoming romantically involved with his own Cousin's or even worse his own full blood Sister (his donor parents have other children). This is a serious problem if her parents choose not to tell her about the Embryos that were donated in the past.

To help prevent this from occurring I would like to suggest that those of us that have Children born of any type of donation are given the Surname/Surnames of the donating couple or person only when our Child reaches the age of 15 Years.

Revealing one's surname/s will not identify the donors as there are many with the same name, but from where we stand it would help in this situation.

Yours Sincerely

South Australia
21st July 2010