

*“Some clinics, hospital and doctors may oppose the granting of equal rights to access information for the donor conceived, not only because it exposes the weaknesses and inadequacies of past records, but because of what is revealed about past practises. Egg swapping, sperm mixing, donor’s identities not being verified or donors being encouraged to donate under pseudonyms, offering free vasectomies and sperm storage, STD testing and course credits in exchange for donating, knowingly creating up to 30 separate families or an excess of 40 children from one donor, using anonymous donors imported from interstate without paperwork, recoding donors, the practise of on-donation, utilising patients as donors whilst they are still in treatment and using donors for whom valid consent could not be verified are just some of the practices that I know to have occurred in Victoria – even after the introduction of legislation. These can be viewed very negatively from a current perspective. For this reason it might be worthwhile to consider the idea that clinics, hospitals, doctors and allied health professionals might fear the repercussions of these practices coming to light.”*

- Kate Dobby. Registers Officer at the Victorian Infertility Treatment Authority from 2005 – 2009. Submission 33 – Inquiry into access by donor-conceived people to information about donors

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