

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please accept my submission to the senate committee on Donor Conception.

My son will celebrate his 32nd birthday in two weeks time so therefore you will be aware that this makes us among the very early applicants for Donor Conception. I will state here that both myself and my ex husband only received scant information about the medical procedure involved and absolutely NO information about Donor Conception or the ramifications of the procedure and any future issues for both my son and myself. I wish to also advise that from the very first I have told my son of the circumstances of his conception and his birth and have always stated to him that he is very special and very wanted.

My son feels very let down by the system and would like to find his biological father as he says not to make his life difficult in any way but to know his family history.

My suggestion to the committee is to help the large numbers of both mothers and fathers and also the children conceived in the early days. Little information was given and even less was kept. My son has been lucky in a way as the procedure was done at the now extinct Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne and all the old paperwork was sent to Monash many years ago. After many enquiries he has found that he has two siblings but no further information. Please have a very detailed advertising campaign with an amnesty for privacy reasons so that the donors can come forward and fill out a questionnaire to cover all the donors concerns but do not have to make contact unless they want to.

I do hope you will consider my suggestion.

I have kept any correspondence over the years so do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards,

Mrs Peta Knapping