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To whom it may concern,

I wish to make the following submission to the Senate Inquiry into donor conception in Australia.

I am donor conceived and was born in February of 1973. The Doctor who performed the procedure for my parents was \_\_\_\_\_ in Sydney.

I had a good upbringing with parents who really wanted children. Saying that something always seemed to be missing with a real connection to my father. I put that down to his unfortunate circumstances of being born and raised for the first 5 years of his life in a Japanese POW camp and the reason why he could not have children.

My parents never planned on telling myself or my Sister who was also donor conceived. I found out from my grandmother in the last years of her life when she decided to "Spill the Beans" to my fiance by phoning us late one night. Her concern was that my wife may be my sister. I personally find that idea that remote it is pointless. The amusing thing was my wife and I joked a few weeks earlier that I must of been adopted as I was nothing like my father.

My Current Concerns

I presently have no Genetic Medical History for myself or my children.

I have no bloodline history on my father's side, I cannot tell my own children anything from this side as well

The curiosity of the type of person I am from my upbringing and how that differs from my biological father

I hope this information is of some interest and assistance.

Thankyou