

To whom it may concern,

My name is Andrew I am 21 years of age. I was born through donor conception in 1989 through The Royal Hospital for women, Bondi clinic. I do not know who my biological father is...

I have a letter from the clinic with information about my biological father; it is not particularly long and is very non-personal. It contains some medical history and also some characteristics of my donor; Just basic facts. This is all I have, or will probably ever have...

I am told my parents had to fight quite hard just to get given this short letter from Royal North shore clinic. The only other fact they were given is that the clinic knows that my donor has conceived 18 other children through donor insemination. This is that the clinic knows of.

An absolute minimum of around 18 half siblings, it could be double or even triple this for all I know. It's quite a scary thought looking at a girl that I may be interested in and constantly wondering if I'm related to them....

This is not just a problem for me, what about all of his other offspring, some of them might not even know they were born through donor conception. Just imagine creating a family with the one you love and then finding out your wife or husband is your blood relative... it isn't unheard of...

Through some research I have recently discovered that adopted children have these rights. Past present or future children born through adoption are covered by legislation. As a previous child of donor conception I am without rights. Critical information I may need to know from my donor is withheld from me by the clinics. I am not even given the chance to ask simple non-identifying questions (anonymously if he wishes), because the clinics simply will not accept this.

I simply cannot comprehend why other children are given these rights, whereas I am not allowed. How are they different to me? Am I that different that I do not deserve this information? Others are given the chance for access or information from their biological parents; people like me are not, its discrimination plain and simple.