

To whom it may concern,

**RE – Submission to the Senate *Inquiry into the Legislative responses to Recommendations of the Lockhart Review***

I wish to make known to the Senate Committee my opinion on this matter as a private citizen.

As the committee would be well aware, the Somatic cell nuclear transfer process recommended within the Lockhart review involves the creation of a new human embryo for the extraction of embryonic stem cells for research. This of course results in the embryo's destruction.

**It is my opinion that the creation of human life specifically for experimentation is morally indefensible and has no place within a civilised society.**

The fact remains that to date; embryonic stem cell research has failed to deliver one useful medical treatment or cure, despite many years of research and billions of research dollars worldwide.

I believe the faint promises of future medical treatments from embryonic stem cell research are exaggerations, and do not provide the justification necessary for Australia's crossing of such a significant ethical line.

I believe the majority of ordinary Australians share my views.

**I advise that in response to Lockhart review, the Senate Committee recommend that no changes be made to the relevant Acts, and that no new legislation be introduced.**

With regards,  
Mr Benjamin Olof Soderlund