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Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Committee on the Lockhart Committee Review:

Objections to the Lockhart Committee Recommendations:

- 1. Recommendation 24: I object to this recommendation because it is extremely dangerous to mix animal and human tissue in this way because of the danger of inter species viral infections. Even though it is recommended that implantation should not be allowed, plenty of erorrs have occurred with implantation in IVF procedures, eg wrong embryo being implanted. It is too easy for errors to occur for interspecies tissue to be used in this way.
- 2. Recommendation 17: I object to this recommendation for similar reasons. It is foolhardy and extremely dangerous to permit interspecies fertilisation because of the risk of interspecies virus transmission.

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Re Recommendations 14, 15, 22, I object to these recommendations because of the strong possibility of artificially introducing genetic material into the human race, the effects of which, though unknown, are possibly extremely dangerous. There is a possible Pandora's box of disease susceptibility which could be introduced. The present human genetic material is millions of years old and has reached its present state after millions of years exposure to this planet's environment. I think it is extremely dangerous and foolish to introduce genetic material which is not of any therapeutic use or benefit to the embryo concerned.

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