

The Secretary
Senate Community Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

2 October 2006

TO: THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Dear Sir or Madam

RE: PROPOSED “SOMATIC CELL NUCLEAR TRANSFER (SCNT) AND RELATED AMENDMENT BILL 2006”

I am writing to you to request that Parliament continue to uphold the Australia wide ban on all forms of human cloning, and not allow the proposed amendment bill, “Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) and Related Amendment Bill 2006”.

I object to human cloning on moral grounds.

There is also no justifiable medical reason for allowing human cloning.

Adult stem cells from umbilical cord blood, bone marrow and the human nose are already being used to treat or investigate over 70 human diseases and conditions, including Parkinson’s disease.

Embryonic stem cells have not been able to treat any disease successfully.

Adult stem cells can be readily produced with no ethical problems and are much safer than embryonic stem cells because they do not form tumours.

Australian scientists should be free to lead the world in Adult stem cell research which is safe, effective and ethical.

I trust that the Senate will give favourable consideration to my request.

Yours Faithfully

Brian Joseph Mines