

29 September 2006

Mr. Elton Humphrey  
Committee Secretary  
Community Affairs Committee  
Department of the Senate  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Sir,

**RE: Stem Cell Research**

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I am writing to you as a concerned citizen.

It is now our time to stand up and support important issues that one day will have a profound impact on all of us and future generations to come.

I have read the Legislation Review Committee reports of December 2005 on the *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002* and *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002* (also known as the Lockhart Review) and now the new recommendations recently made by the Honourable Senator Kay Patterson.

Stem cell research has the potential to cure many illnesses and diseases that exist today and as well as new diseases that may be discovered in the future.

It is my view that the strict regulation proposed for stem cell research is more than adequate, particularly the ban on:

- embryos being developed outside a woman's body for more than 14 days; and
- cross breeding with animals.

Stem cell research has the potential to assist with developing cures for Type 1 diabetes, Parkinson's Disease, motor neuron disease and many other debilitating or life threatening illnesses.

I strongly support Senator Patterson's recommendations and hope they are accepted by our representatives in Parliament.

Our future depends on this.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Wright".

**Kathy Wright**