

Community Affairs Committee  
Responses to the Lockhart Review  
Department of the Senate  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing my response to the Lockhart Report's recommendations which is being considered by the Federal Parliament. I wish to make the following points.

1. One of the basic principles of Bioethics is beneficence. In brief these of us in the health field strive for good outcomes as opposed to injurious ones. Thus in my view to create an embryo for the purpose of destroying it no matter what the reason could hardly be described as a good outcome.

2. The combining of human and animal genetic materials is uncharted waters. There has been insufficient research in this area to date. Thus the risks are untold.

3. Further I have grave reservations about the cloning to produce an identical twin of a parent

with the aim of harvesting genetic material tissues or organs from that embryo or fetus.

I would note there is a tried and true adage - proceed at the client's pace. In this case the client is the human race. As a member of this great race I would prefer if the rush to force the pace be slowed.

From my point of view there are too many unknowns in the current recommendations.

Yours sincerely

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