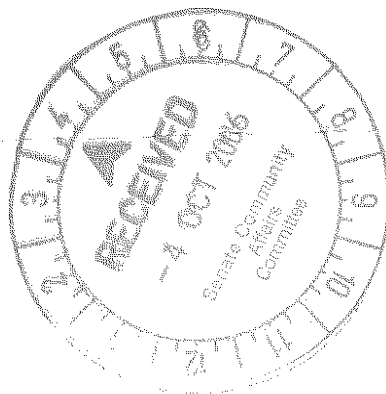


1st October, 2006.

Committee Secretary, Community
Affairs Committee
Department of the Senate
P.O. Box 6100, Parliament House
CANBERRA. ACT. 2600



Dear Committee Secretary,

We are writing to express our very serious concerns regarding the Lockhart Report on human cloning. These include:-

- Recommendation 17 - allowing interspecies fertilization, the mixing of animal & human genes (i.e. possibly human & pig!?)
- Recommendation 22 - widespread research etc. allowed on embryos diagnosed as 'disabled'
- Recommendation 23 - creating & using human embryo clones for research - in 2002 Parliamentarians declared a unanimous ban on cloning & hybrids - why this change? The processes & ethics are still the same.
- Recommendation 24 - creating human clones by manipulating & including non-human material.

This all concerns us greatly. Especially when adult stem cell research & therapies, with umbilical ^{stem} cells, can already treat 72 conditions, with the future looking bright too. Embryonic stem cell research is used to treat none - it does not work. The surrender to cost & ethics &

experimental risks to continue embryonic stem cell research, seems not to be reasonable or morally responsible.

We ask you not to support the implementation of the Lockhart Report. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Yours Sincerely,

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