October 3, 2006

Community Affairs Committee Responses to the Lockhart Review Department of the Senate PO Box 6100 Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I have read the recommendations of the Lockhart Committee and am writing now that discussion of human embryo experimentation is to come before Federal Parliament.

I am completely opposed to experimentation on human embryos, the creation of human embryos, cloned or otherwise, for experimentation and any manipulation of human cells to create cloned human-animal hybrid embryos.

I have noted with dismay the linguistic tricks that are becoming more prevalent in the media to disguise the exact nature of what is being proposed by the use of scientific euphemisms.

It is barely credible that this discussion is even going to be considered but seeing that a debate will take place I hope that a full throttle defence of anything even remotely human will be defended from experimentation. This would reflect the most basic human right.

I have written to the Prime Minister and John Murphy, my local member, expressing my views.

To conclude, I say that the Commonwealth **ban** on the creation of human embryos, cloned or hybrid, for destruction in experiments **be maintained**.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Marina Haines

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