

Dear Secretary,(Senate Community Affairs Committee), MP's and Senators

I wish to express my view that Human Cloning is both morally wrong and unnecessary. Please consider the following matters in making your recommendations on the Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) and Related Amendment Bill 2006:

1. An Embryo is a valuable life however it is created. Using a human embryo (human being) to conduct scientific experiments is morally wrong. Creating all sorts of scientific and political correct terms (i.e SCNT) to dance around this truth does not change the facts that this is the beginning of a life no matter how it was created. To ignore this foundational fact would be morally irresponsible.
2. Given that our sense of morality will not change and the science on cloning has not changed since 2002, why are we having this discussion as if something has changed. It would be an embarrassment to the Nation of Australia to do a u-turn on this issue.
3. It appears that stem cell research using adult cells is very effective. There is NO proof that human cloning or the harvesting of embryonic cells will provide any additional benefits. Therefore we should continue to fund research using adult cells instead of watering down the the current funding to support what is neither morally right nor efficient.

I appreciate the opportunity to make a personal submission on this matter of great importance.

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