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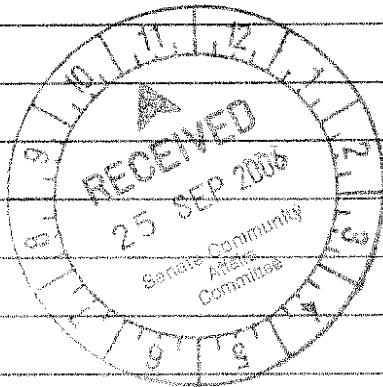
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The Secretary,
Senate Community Affairs Committee,
Parliament House, Canberra ACT, 2600

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Dear Secretary,

Please find enclosed my submission
to the Committee enquiring into the Human Cloning
issue, and, if ordered under the terms of reference,
to all the recommendations of the Lockhart Report.



Yours sincerely,
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I submit to the Committee that Federal Parliament be asked to continue to uphold the Australia-wide ban on all forms of human cloning.

In so doing, I make the following points:

1) In 2002 all Australian Parliaments voted to maintain the then-existing ban on such cloning, by any and all means. The Members in so doing reaffirmed their belief that human cloning in whatever form was wrong. If this was so then, what has occurred to cause Members to do a complete about turn some 4 years later?

2) Cloning is wrong because it involves the creation of a living human embryo for the purpose of experimentation on this human, leading to its subsequent destruction. This is immoral and unethical - the end does not justify the means.

3) Over the past several years, the use of Embryonic Stem Cells, whether derived from overseas, or from locally formed spare embryos, has resulted in no successes in treating human diseases, whereas Adult Stem Cells - from

for example, umbilical cord blood, bone marrow, or even from the human nose, - have led to the treatment or investigation of some 70 human conditions.

14) As a consequence of the above, I urge the Committee to recommend that the use of E.S.C.s be discontinued, and, on the other hand, report their firm belief that Australian Parliament should redirect their support towards the Australian scientists who already are among the foremost leaders of the world in Adult Stem Cell research.

Such research is safe, effective, and ethical, and is receiving increasing acceptance by responsibly-thinking members of the community.

I thank you for your reception of my submission.

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Addendum to what I have previously written:

Re the Lockhart Enquiry recommendations:

This Committee recommended cloning processes or experimental fertilisation techniques, to create embryos in several ways.

If legalised, the most likely cloning technology to be used would be the Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer. Some M.P.s are claiming that this does not involve producing a human embryo, yet was used to clone animals eg Dolly the sheep (on the 277th attempt!)

Again, regardless of the techniques used as recommended under Lockhart, the result would be a sub-class of human beings, solely to be experimented on and destroyed like eg rats.

Even Professor Trautson has frankly admitted that research along such lines is unlikely to achieve successes.

Other recommendations eg to use genetic material from multiple women and men to create a human embryo with more than 2 parents, would, once the public became aware of them, be anathema, and the source of utter disgust and revulsion. Please reject the Lockhart Report completely.

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