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Senator Gary Humphries
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Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600



Dear Senator Humphries

I am writing in response to your letter of 19 September 2006 in relation to the Senate Community Affairs inquiry into legislative responses to recommendations of the Lockhart Review.

The ACT Government has a formal position of support for the Lockhart recommendations.

This position was reached after careful consideration, recognising that the issues are complex and sensitive. The ACT Government noted the careful approach taken by the Review Committee in balancing the concerns expressed by some submissions to the review process with the real potential of advancing public good.

Within the framework of the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Research Involving Human Embryos and Prohibition of Human Cloning 2004*, the ACT Government will ensure consistency of corresponding Territory legislation, subsequent to any amendment of the Commonwealth *Prohibition of Human Cloning Act 2002* and the *Research Involving Human Embryos Act 2002*.

Yours sincerely

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