

Anthony Bernauer.

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Dear Senate Committee,

I ask that you Please support the recommendations of the Lockhart Review.

I make this submission to you as someone who has 'lived' with Type 1 Diabetes for 35 years since being diagnosed at age 9.

I take 5 Insulin injections a day, on average 3 - 4 finger pricks a day to measure my Blood Sugar Levels and watch everything I eat just to stay ALIVE.

I firmly believe that Stem Cell Research will provide a Cure for my Illness. At a minimum it will perhaps provide answers to what triggers Type 1 Diabetes and how to stop that Trigger and thus ensure that no further Australians will need to live the life that I'm living.

I live daily with the inevitability of serious health complications as a result of Type 1 Diabetes. Blindness, Kidney failure or Amputation of Limbs to name a few.

My Mother, who had a very strong religious upbringing has always told me that "The magnificence of God will be further revealed by Science". She supports Stem Cell Research because it's not 'playing God' but showing his magnificence through the people he created and what they can achieve.

Please do not allow the National Agenda to be driven by a small but vocal group of religious zealots. I respect their right to be heard but I don't agree with their beliefs.

I implore you to consider the benefits to a large number of Australians who will benefit from the outcomes of Stem Cell Research. and the recommendations of the Lockhart review.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Anthony Bernauer