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Ms Lisa Fenn  
Acting Committee Secretary  
Australian Senate Community Affairs  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Ms Fenn,

**Re: Inquiry into Gene Patents**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 24 November 2008 regarding the inquiry into Gene Patents. Your letter was discussed at the March RANZCOG Women's Health Committee (WHC) meeting.

It was strongly felt that genetic testing should be available for all members of the community. RANZCOG would not support any restriction of access to genetic testing by virtue of limited personal resources.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment in this inquiry, albeit our response is late.

With kind regards

Michael Permezel  
Chair,  
Women's Health Committee  
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