

Dear Bill,

I heard about your involvement in a Senate inquiry into gene technology on the 7:30 Report tonight. I write to first express my concern - gene technology and stem cell technology combined could save many (including me) from lifelong disability and illness.

However, as you said, we might not be able to access it and this is a big wake up call for the whole globe. I draw your attention to a submission I wrote to IP Australia and the ALRC, attempting to resolve the ownership issues by a system akin to parcelised feudal tenure. See the link <http://www.acip.gov.au/expusesubs/Adam%20Johnston.pdf>

I was wondering whether you would consider tabling this contribution, even though I appreciate that the time for public submissions have closed. As I said in my recent submission to the Senate's review of the Disability Discrimination Act, I believe we can now reasonably hope for a world without disability by scientific advancement with access to technology. I really wish I had known about your inquiry instead.

If there is anything I can do, please contact me. Contact me by whichever means you prefer.

Yours truly
Adam Johnston