

Donor conception in Australia – submission to senate enquiry

- Donor details should be held in a central government agency to protect them from being lost or destroyed by doctors or clinics.
- Children born through donated gametes or embryos should have the right to know who their donors were, complete identifying details – this should be retrospective even if donors were promised anonymity at the time of donation.
- The central government agency should have a facility to enable communication between donors, donor conceived children / adults and their families from the moment a child is born – even if the donors / families wish each other to remain anonymous until the child reaches 18 years old.
- If donor conceived children / families with donor conceived children wish to know and communicate with their donor(s) prior to the child turning 18 years old and the donors agree this should be legal and facilitated by the government agency holding records without red tape, delays or obstacles.
- Children born from donation should be able to have the nationality of the donor parent(s).
- The central registry should maintain a record of siblings and facilitate contact between sibling families.