

I wish to make the following submission to the Federal Inquiry into Donor Conception:

I have two daughters conceived with donor sperm.

I would like to see a national register of all donors and their offspring, accessible to all relevant parties.

This seems extremely important to me as I think it is a person's basic right to know who is directly related to them by blood ie, mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son.

There's the obvious concern for donor conceived people about meeting an unknown sibling and forming a romantic relationship.

There's a very real need to know important medical information.

There should not be any case for financial claims or obligations towards donors, and any subsequent relationship should only take place by mutual consent.

On the medical issue, one of my daughters was severely affected by urticaria as a baby and up until 15 years of age, almost every day despite taking antihistamines, until a gluten food allergy was diagnosed. Perhaps some medical knowledge from the unknown donor's family may have saved my daughter from 15 years of suffering and searching for answers from a baffled medical profession.

Thank you for your consideration.