

I hereby forward this submission to the proposed Donor Conception enquiry.

For a brief period in 1980, I was a sperm donor at the Royal Hospital for Women (Paddington - Sydney) during a period in time where screening - at any level- was virutally non-existent. Anonimity was the rule of the day, and regreably no consideration was ever given to any serious socialogical issues which were to arise in the years ahead.

I was always prepared to avail myself to any offspring should the occasion ever arise. Ironically, and by an amazing coincidence, in 2003 thanks to the Donor Conception Support Group I met one of my offspring - a (then) 21 year old female with whom I formed an immediate bond which continues to this day. She had been arduously seeking her donor since age 19 when she mistakenly found out the truth of her conception. Suddenly, all the missing pieces of her genetic puzzle began to fall in place.

As a result of this remarkable liasion, I was informed that I also have another offspring, a male (born late 1980). To this day, my daughter and I continue in our efforts to contact this male.

Generally speaking, donor offspring both want and need to know the truth of their genetic origin, surely a basic human right ! Currently, I see them as being socially excluded, and morally speaking, I find this to be very wrong.

Both my daughter and I have taken part in many media events, including TV - radio - newspaper/magazine etc, with regard to our having met. I have always been prepared to partake in any publicity for this cause, and will continue to do so in the future.

In conclusion, I sincerely hope that any forthcoming legislation be both of a Federal and retrospective nature.

Thanking you.

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