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Dear Ms Dennett

Re: Inquiry into the past and present practices of Donor Conception in Australia

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to make a submission to the Senate Enquiry.

With regard to the current practice of our clinic, we strongly support the right of the children conceived from donated gametes to have access to identifying information about their genetic origins when they reach 18 years of age.

Our clinics are fully compliant with NHMRC Ethical guidelines and the NSW legislation.

We are supportive of the NSW legislation and the donor register that is part of that legislation. We would, however, be strongly opposed to the regulatory and compliance burden of having both State and Commonwealth legislation in this area.

We attach, for the information of the enquiry, our patient information leaflets that include full details of our donor conception programmes and how they operate.

Yours Sincerely

Sue Channon Managing Director IVFAustralia