

My husband and I are parents of twin three-year old girls who were conceived with donor eggs. We lived in Victoria at that time, and had advertised for an egg donor according to the guidelines issued by the state Minister for Health. We met our donor, and found out about her, and did some counselling sessions together with her.

As our girls grow older, I am increasingly happy that I know who their egg donor is, and can tell them a bit about her, including what she looks like, and a little about her family. Victorian law allows our daughters to obtain identifying information about their donor at the age of 18 years (which they already have access to) and can contact her then if they wish to.

The more material I read written by adults conceived from anonymous donations of gametes (usually sperm), the more I can see that knowing where they come from is vitally important to these people. I think that gamete donors should only be those who are willing to be identified and to be contacted once the resulting children reach 18 years of age.