



## PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

### Senate Community Affairs References Committee

# Inquiry into mitochondrial donation

The Senate Community Affairs Committee is undertaking an inquiry into the science of mitochondrial donation and its ability to prevent transmission of mitochondrial disease.

The committee is examining the impact of mitochondrial disease on Australian families and the healthcare sector, the safety and efficacy of donation techniques, and the ethical considerations.

"The topic of mitochondrial donation is a complex one." said committee Chair, Senator Rachel Siewert. "There are a wide range of issues to take into consideration in contemplating whether or not Australia should follow the UK and the USA to allow regulated use of mitochondrial donation. These concerns include the scientific safety of these techniques for individuals and future generations, as well as broad ethical issues."

The committee is seeking written submissions as part of its inquiry. "Anyone interested in the issue of mitochondrial donation is encouraged to send a written submission to the inquiry. Submissions could be from scientists working in this area and those interested in the ethical considerations. The committee is also keen to hear from individuals who are impacted by mitochondrial disease."

Information about the inquiry can be found on the inquiry web page at [www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Senate/Community\\_Affairs/MitochondrialDonation](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Community_Affairs/MitochondrialDonation).

Submissions should address the terms of reference for the inquiry. You may find it helpful to read the guide to making a submission available on the Senate website: [Preparing a submission to an inquiry](#)

For further information on the inquiry, see the inquiry website or contact the committee Secretariat.

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**DATE REFERRED**  
21 March 2018

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**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE**  
11 May 2018

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**UPCOMING HEARING**  
17 May – Location TBD

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**REPORTING DATE**  
19 June 2018

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