

To whom it may Concern

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My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and i'm  
31 years old born in 78, conceived  
in 77 at prince henrys hospital  
Melbourne. At about 1yo i was  
featured on the front page of the  
herald sun due to the custody battle  
my parents were in all the strain  
and emotion they must of been under  
from having me must of been huge,  
during that court battle there was  
a ~~a~~ DNA test done to prove that  
my father ~~was~~ on my birth certificate  
was not my real bio-logical father  
that must of been really hard for  
my feather and i don't think anyone  
should have to go through that ~~a~~  
especially after the hoops that they had  
to jump through to have me and the  
embarasment or pain he might of felt  
when findind out he could not have  
children due to a low sperm count.  
I call him my father or DAD to him  
because that is what he is to me he has  
partly raised me and always treated me as  
his son this is something i want to make

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Clear from the start.

My mother won custody and my father got the odd weekend and half the school holidays once i was old enough for school. I was living with my mum in Melbourne at my grandparents house with my uncle aswell. My father stayed on his dairy farm in N.S.W. Just over the border from the hospital i was born at. We lived 3½ hours ~~away~~ apart which made visiting difficult especially for a dairy farmer but i can remember visits to and from my fathers, they were few but i can remember them at least.

Mum told me that i was donar conceived and about the birds + the bees to try and help me understand when i was about 5yo. At that age even being taught the birds + bees

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i never really comprehended the enormity of it. I just went on being a kid. Growing up i went to a school a few suburbs away i had friends at school but in my neighbourhood i never really had any close friends so i spent more time at home i had my grandfather i looked up to he passed away when i was 4 and i had my uncle who i was best mates with because i mainly lived in melbourne my uncle was the main role model which was great but we were not father + son and around my teenage years he had found his wife and moved on and i seen less + less of him we were still close over the years but never as close as when i was growing up, he passed away around 5 years ago and i miss him greatly.

My father never mentioned anything around the fact that i was donor conceived.  
Over the years of visits on school hols, etc

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and times when i lived up there for ~~the~~ a year ~~the~~ here + there because i was playing up (Rebeling) down in melb and mum was finding it hard to control me.

whilst i was up there i never ~~was~~ brought it to him because of fear that it might hurt him, fear of him rejecting me and not wanting anything to do with me and probably some other reasons that im not sure of so we just went on living a somewhat normal father + son relationship but all the while i knew he was not my bio-logical father and i never knew if he knew that i knew. It was never really a normal father, son relationship with all that doubt there.

~~During my late teens, early twenties~~  
Growing up i always felt different i was the only person i knew of in my situation everyone i knew had a different kind of bond with their father even if their parents were seperated the bond with their father

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seemed a lot more real. During my late teens and early twenties I got in touch with the Donor Conception Support Group over the phone and got to know Leonie Hewitt who has done massive amounts of work ~~for~~ supporting donor conceived children and adults she was very supportive to me in a very hard time in my life and told me that I was not alone her three children are just like me she also introduced me to other adults conceived through donor insemination.

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Around about the same time as connecting with the D.C.S.G I wrote to Melbourne L.V.F with the help from my mum in the hope to get more information on my biological father. I wanted to know things like any hereditary illnesses I might be susceptible to, what country his family was originally from and whether or not I look like him, I look a lot like my mother's family but do I look a lot more like my ~~father~~ biological father. I received a letter with

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Conceived, height, hair colour, red eye colour - blue which kind of looks like me i am 6ft with brown or Auburn hair and blue/green eyes.

The letter went on to say that the sperm that created me was also used to create 2 males and 1 female in 3 other families this was new and shocking news to me this brought a whole new issue into it for me, who are these 3 people half the same as me, do they look like me, do they know they are donor conceived, do they wonder about me amongst other questions.

A couple of years later we wrote in again not sure why i ~~don't~~ didn't think that id get any more information but theres no harm in trying but apparently there is harm in trying i received a letter back that was a photo copy of the previous letter with the part about my half siblings removed or whited out this confused me then it turned to anger. I was confused as to wheather or not i really had any half siblings out there maybe they made a mistake

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or maybe they had made a mistake as to whether they were allowed to tell me this information but then i got angry because how could an organization that is in control of half of some peoples identities and in control of creating life could make mistakes like that.

A few years later i wrote in again and i received a more formal letter with the same ~~of~~ information on my biological father but i got a little more information on my half siblings it was only birth dates not exact but they said the 2 males were born ~~in~~ circa feb and circa may 1978 then for the female it had an exact date of \_\_\_\_\_ which is my birthdate

(I want to make clear which i don't think I have previously that i am a male) at first i entertained the thought of a half twin from another mother and how crazy ~~that~~ and awesome that would be but then i knew i had to contact melbourne LVE to make sure of this but i was to find out that this was a type-0

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This news just fuelled my anger towards the organizations that are supposed to be in control of creating life, if they are making mistakes ~~is~~ with information about peoples lives what other mistakes are they making.

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To sum up if the laws around A.I.D were changed there would be some information about my biological father i would like to know but i don't think i would have to meet him and i definatly wouldn't want anything from him i already have a father and he will always be my father

As for my half siblings i would like to meet them if that is what they wanted and if they didn't i would respect their choice but with the laws as they are at the moment we don't ~~have~~ even have that choice to make for ourselves