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RE: Review of the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 and the Surrogacy Act 2008

I am a donor conceived (DC) person and write in relation to the above matter.

I would strongly recommend that the Victorian Legislation is mirrored in WA.

My reasons are:

- being a DC person is an emotionally exhausting experience. I have suffered depression and anxiety since finding out I was DC at the age of 13. Any way to adjust legislation to avoid that suffering of innocent parties must be paramount.
- access to information is an important step to helping DC people to find the truth about their existence and their genetic heritage - both from a sense of belonging and for medical reasons.
- posthumous use of sperm and eggs is a disgraceful practice and doesn't consider the needs of the child born through the process.

"Our society has become one where we provide needy parents with children, not needy children with parents" *United Nations quote

Let's do what is best for the children born of these practices and stop pandering to parents and clinics looking out for their own's wants.

I would be happy to discuss this in further detail.

Kind regards,

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