

**Submission regarding donor conception**

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Regarding the review of the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991

I call upon the Western Australian Government to amend the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 to mirror the legislation introduced into Victorian law last year.

I'm a donor conceived woman living in Victoria, and having access to records and information about my biological identity has profoundly impacted my life for the better. The recent law changes allowed me to apply for contact, and despite donating anonymously almost 30 years ago, my biological father has been warm and open to forming an ongoing friendship with me. I deeply feel that I have been given a sense of peace and a sense of self confidence which I'd been missing due to finally understanding my biological identity. The experience has been mutually beneficial to both my biological father and I, and my parents have been nothing but loving and supportive in this endeavor. Every donor conceived Australian deserves the right to seek this experience, and to not be discriminated against based on the State in which they were conceived.

Signed,

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