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Hi

I am a 68 y.o. radiation oncologist who donated sperm as a medical student at two Adelaide fertility clinics in the early 1980s. The process was understood to be anonymous. I was discovered by two of my donor daughters in 2017 circuitously via AncestryDNA, and since then by 5 other donor children via the same pathway. I was very open to engagement having been adopted myself (therefore understanding their profound genetic curiosity), and certainly believe in donor children's right to know. We all communicate and meet regularly, and it has been a wonderful experience.

However, along the way, it has become very apparent that there are endless variations on views and reactions to the donor concept. In particular, some (probably few) anonymous donors may be horrified at being contacted and I would not support mandated release of donor identity for the historical cases where anonymity was "assured". On the other hand, all non-identifying information should be made available to donor children. I appreciate that this may be easier said than done, but I think that, in the (likely) rare event of donor objection, the legislation should accommodate identity veto.

A secondary observation is that this process should be publicly funded. Access should not be dependent upon ability to pay.

Yours faithfully Prof Daniel Roos