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Hi

I am a sperm donor conceived person, aged 41, who has struggled with identity. I believe 100% a register should be established for every responsible reason, such as the right to know genetic origin. Not knowing anything about my paternal side has been painful, isolating and produced a feeling that I am different from everyone else. It pains me so much when people who know their identity have opinions on this matter.

Obviously, I was conceived in a time when artificial insemination was pioneering in Brisbane in the late 1970's. When trying to discover my origin, I have hit road blocks such as... 'The records were destroyed', 'You'll never be able to find out' and 'Donors were promised anonymity'.

I am concerned about many practises of the assisted reproduction industry, the more I learn. I am also a person who has been through 6 fully stimulated rounds of IVF, with no success. I had no offers of counselling through it all, despite one of the batches of embryos being destroyed by scientists who mishandled the petri dish and bacteria destroyed the entire batch of ten embryos. I feel the entire industry has red flags and there is little consideration for people's wellbeing.

I have the right to know where I came from, if there are any genetic dispositions (I have also been diagnosed with Ms; a possible hereditary disease, no known cases on my mother's side) and identifying factors of my biological father. Secrets are toxic.

I ask you please consider all donor conceived persons rights.

With the advancements of DNA sites, anonymity is becoming more difficult to maintain, anyways. Any action to support the donor conceived community will such a positive step.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this enquiry

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