

Hi there,

My name is [REDACTED]. I made a donation of eggs via Melbourne IVF in 2001 for a friend as a known donor.

Overall I would say as much openness as is possible for donor-conceived people is best and I also think the Victorian supports the needs of donor-conceived people well and their VARTA is worth looking at.

Anonymity was overruled at some point either in Victoria or maybe the country overall for sperm donors. I think anonymity should be overruled across the board for all, and applied retrospectively. I can see the problem in some people having some rights to their information and others not. In terms of contact I think the VARTA outreach program is worth considering as a model to adopt. I believe that the needs and rights donor-conceived people should come first. I realise this may cause distress to some donors but as time moves on we learn and do better and there are some impacts of this development.

I think the costs of services such as VARTA for donor-conceived people should be borne by the industry. I totally understand and accept that Australia mandates that donors can't be paid. However that makes those of us that donate a free resource for an industry. I would not like to see some donor-conceived people able to access information and others unable to due to financial costs.

I'm happy to be contacted further if deemed useful. I hope the enquiry goes well and works toward supporting the needs and rights of donor-conceived people as their main priority.

With regards,

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