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I am writing to the committee as Krystal Irene Kyriakou, Brisbane born, West End raised, third generation Cypriot-Australian donor conceived adult.
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I will keep my submission short and sweet as my donor conceived siblings aka my brothers and sisters have already poured countless hours, sweat and tears into submitting for this inquiry and I share and support their views and submissions.

One brother who has submitted an extremely well researched piece to this committee and inquiry, I am exceptionally proud of, belongs to my eloquent, thorough and thoughtful brother [REDACTED]. A father, a husband, a public servant and an aspiring forensic scientist. Here are my thoughts below:

Rights of donor-conceived persons, including to know their genetic origins;

All donor-conceived persons, regardless of background or circumstances should have full access to their genetic origins just as any other person that was conceived in a non donor conceived manner. This is a pure matter of equal human rights and shouldn't be up for debate.

Extent to which identifying information about donors should be given to donor-conceived persons, taking into consideration the right to privacy of donors;

Personally as a donor conceived adult the right to privacy of donors is a laughable concept because thanks to commercial dna testing and shere genetic blueprint, it is a concept that is antiquated and another hurdle that keeps donor conceived persons from accessing basic information about their very human origins, health, ancestry, inherited traits (including inherited trauma that is paramount to have access to in order to keep and maintain a favourable mental health equilibrium)

Access to historical clinical records and implications of retrospectivity;

Full unfiltered access is only fair, the truth shouldn't be hidden, no one should be ashamed or denied their truth of existence.

Access to support and counselling for donor-conceived persons and donors;

Full unfiltered access is only fair, the truth shouldn't be able to be discussed and worked through for biological children that will become or already are adults, biological parents, non biological parents and all manner of siblings biological or not.

Whether a register should be established; Yes, a robust dna based register with paper records that correspond to the genetic origins.

and

Benefits, risks and implications on donor conception practices arising from any recommendations.

Do the benefits for donor conceived persons outway any perceived risks to non donor conceived persons ?
ofcourse.

kind regards

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