

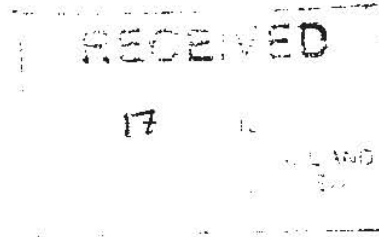
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Transplantation and Anatomy Amendment Act 1998

We have no objection to the amendment which seeks to give legal force to the existing right to consent to organs being taken for use in transplant. The majority of people having signed believe this to be legal consent and this merely makes the law effective.

Although we have no moral or ethical arguments against the practice of the transplant of non-reproductive tissue, we believe this to be a sensitive issue and those who do not wish to be involved should be under no pressure to donate organs. It is hard to see how this could be a problem under the present legislation and this proposed amendment.

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