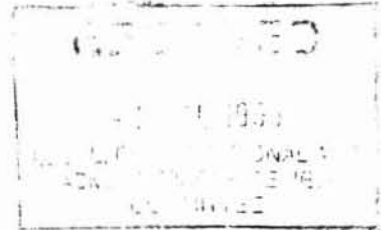


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Mrs Gamin
Member for Burleigh

Dear Mrs Gamin,

Re your article in the Free Paper regarding Organ Donor shortage.

Having had a Kidney Transplant some 30 years ago, I realise the frustration and anxiety while waiting for an organ donation - knowing only too well Australia has the lowest donor rate of any country in the world, but has the best results of anywhere in the world.

Having been a competitor in 4 world transplant Games and 5 National Games, I have talked to many Doctors and transplant patients from all parts of the world and Australia.

In most parts of Europe, donor organs are removed by Doctors, by Law. I have spoken to people from France, Switzerland, Sweden etc., and they say it has worked very well over there and people are happy with it - which means that if we adopted the same procedure here in Australia, many lives could be saved instead of lost. There is still the option for the donor to sign a form stating he/she does not want their organs donated, and that is abided by.

This is why other countries have such a high rate of organ donations, and equally why Australia has such a poor rate.

I wish this submission to be put to your Committee in its entirety.

Thank you for being interested in this project.

Yours faithfully,

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