




Speech By
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LEGAL AFFAIRS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr RUSSO** (Toohey—ALP) (3.57 pm): I move—

That the House take note of the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee Report No. 33, 57th Parliament, *Inquiry into matters relating to donor conception information*, tabled on 31 August 2022.

Earlier this year the Legislative Assembly agreed that the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee inquire into and report to the House on issues relating to the access to donor conception information, including: the rights of donor-conceived persons, including to know their genetic origins; the extent to which identifying information about donors should be given to the donor-conceived persons, taking into consideration the right to privacy of donors; access to historical clinical records and implications of retrospectivity; access to support and counselling for donor-conceived persons and donors; whether a register should be established; and the benefits, risks and implications on donor conception practices arising from any recommendations.

The journey to becoming a parent is different for everyone, and for those who do struggle to conceive creating a family can come with difficulty and heartache. Assisted reproductive technology is an increasingly popular option and it is therefore timely that the Queensland government consider the unique needs of those who are conceived through this process. Children born through donor conception often have the same desire and need to know their genetic history as any other person. However, Queensland's legislative arrangements—

Debate, on motion of Mr Russo, adjourned.