



2 May 2013

COMMITTEE TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON MANAGING DONOR CONCEPTION INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Mr John Barilaro, MP, Chair of the Committee on Law and Safety, has announced that the Committee will hold a public hearing on **Monday 6 May 2013** as part of its Inquiry into managing donor conception information. Mr Barilaro said that “This is an important opportunity to hear about the effect that not having access to a person’s genetic information can have on both individuals and families.”

The Committee will hear from a range of people who are affected by donor conception, including parents and donor conceived individuals as well as assisted reproduction clinics and the agencies that administer the current system.

Mr Barilaro said that, “There are many issues around the management of information relating to donor conception that have become increasingly visible recently, not only in Australia but overseas as well. While it is important for donor conceived people to know the identity of the person who contributed to their biological makeup, this is a highly complex and sensitive matter and it is of utmost importance that the Committee consider the issues fully.”

The public hearing will provide the opportunity to discuss a range of questions, including whether retrospective access to information should be granted, what issues this could raise with individuals and donors, what support should be provided, and how donor information should be managed and by whom.

The hearing will be held in the Waratah Room at Parliament House, Sydney, and will commence at 9:30 am. A full hearing program is attached.

Submissions received by the Committee in relation to the Inquiry and further information about the Inquiry's progress can be found on the Committee's website_

<http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lawandsafety>

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For further comment please contact Mr John Barilaro MP on 0407 658 843



Notice of Public Hearing

INQUIRY INTO MANAGING INFORMATION RELATED TO DONOR CONCEPTION

Hearing no 2 - Monday 6 May 2013
Waratah Room, Parliament House

TIME	WITNESS	POSITION AND ORGANISATION
9:30 am	Ms Fiona Hearne Ms Sharon Hunt Dr Cheryl Fletcher	<i>Solo Mums by Choice Australia</i>
10:10 am	Dr Sonia Allan	Senior Lecturer in Law <i>Deakin University</i>
10:55 am		Morning Tea
11:15 am	Ms Geraldine Hewitt Ms Caroline Lorbach	National Consumer Advocate <i>Donor Conception Support Group of Australia</i>
12:00 pm	Ms Leanne O'Shannessy Mr Greg McAllan	General Counsel and Director, Legal and Regulatory Services Associate Director, Private Health Care <i>NSW Health</i>
12:45 pm		Lunch
1:15 pm	Professor Jenni Millbank	Professor, Faculty of Law <i>UTS</i>
2:00 pm	Professor David Handelsman	Director <i>Andrology Department, Concord Hospital</i>
2:45 pm	Mr Damon Martin	<i>International Social Service Australia</i> <i>NSW Committee on Adoption and Permanent Care Inc</i>
3:30 pm		Break
3:45 pm	Dr Joel Bernstein	Medical Director <i>Fertility East</i>
4:30 pm	Ms Amy Corderoy	<i>Private citizen</i>
5.00 pm	Finish	

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