



Health and Disability Commissioner
Te Toihau Hauora, Hauātanga

15 August 2012

The Secretariat
ACART
P O Box 5013
WELLINGTON

Dear Sirs

Re: Consultation document: Proposed amendments to guidelines on surrogacy arrangements involving providers of fertility services and guidelines on donation of eggs or sperm between certain family members

Thank you for the opportunity to make submissions on the above consultation document.

Section 2 of the Health and Disability Act 1994 (the Act) includes fertility services in the definition of health services. Accordingly, the rights in the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers' Rights (the Code) apply to persons undergoing assisted reproductive procedures.

I note that proposed guidelines do not change the fundamental principle that no assisted reproductive procedure should be performed on an individual unless the individual has made an informed choice and given informed consent.

I do not wish to comment further on the amendments to the guidelines. However, I would appreciate receiving a copy of the final guidelines in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Anthony Hill', written over a faint circular stamp.

Anthony Hill
Health and Disability Commissioner