

# Feedback form

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# Questions about the issues discussed in the paper

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## Question 1: Altruistic donation v. commercial supply

Should it be possible to use commercially sourced gametes and embryos from other countries in New Zealand?

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|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| • In all circumstances?  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • In no circumstances?   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • In some circumstances? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/>            | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

If so, what circumstances might be acceptable, and what circumstances would not be acceptable?

Would a higher level of donor expenses increase the supply of locally sourced gametes?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Please give reasons for your views.

I don't feel paying for donors expenses & donation will bring the right sort of donors forward. Education is a better way to get donors rather than payment.

## Question 2: Right of access to identifying information about donors v. no right of access to identifying information about donors

Should it be possible to use gametes and embryos in New Zealand where donor offspring do not have access as of right to identifying information about donors?

- In all circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐
- In no circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐
- In some circumstances? Yes ☒ No ☐

If so, what circumstances might be acceptable, and what circumstances would not be acceptable?

In some situations it can get very difficult as time goes on and relationships change. Totally depends on the situation

Please give reasons for your views.

### Question 3: Family size limitations

Should it be possible to use donated gametes or embryos in import/export where the use may exceed New Zealand limits on the number of families assisted?

- In all circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐
- In no circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐
- In some circumstances? Yes ☒ No ☐

If so, what circumstances might be acceptable, and what circumstances would not be acceptable?

totally depends on the situation, but  
I do realise leaving it open to different

Please give reasons for your views.

Situations makes alot more work  
needed.

## Question 4: Prohibitions on the use of sex selection

Should it be possible to use imported embryos subject to sex selection for reasons prohibited in New Zealand?

• In all circumstances?

Yes ☒ No ☐

• In no circumstances?

Yes ☐ No ☐

• In some circumstances?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, what circumstances might be acceptable, and what circumstances would not be acceptable?

Please give reasons for your views.

Freedom of choice. We have no right to stop this.

## Question 5: Scope of informed consent

Should explicit consent to export gametes and embryos to and from New Zealand:

- Be required in all circumstances? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Not be required? Yes ☐ No ☐
- Be required in some circumstances? Yes ☒ No ☐

What are those circumstances?

Some situation need to be looked at openly  
like a death of patients frozen sperm, etc.

Please give reasons for your views.

## Question 6: Use of gametes and embryos overseas in procedures or research prohibited or precluded in New Zealand

Should people be able to export gametes and embryos for uses prohibited or precluded in New Zealand?

- In all circumstances?

Yes ☒ No ☐

- In no circumstances?

Yes ☐ No ☐

- In some circumstances?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If so, what circumstances might be acceptable, and what circumstances would not be acceptable?

Please give reasons for your views.

I have frozen embryos in America and if I were to bring them home to NZ I would of used my frozen embryos but its too expensive and difficult to keep travelling to America for treatment this has stopped us from extending our family.

## Question 7: Other areas where there may be a mismatch between New Zealand and overseas requirements

Are there other areas of potential mismatch that should be considered? Please describe.

Records for safe keeping from overseas donor agencies that have been used to create children and if agencies close down - what happens??

Records of other siblings born around the world from same donor, especially if a multiple donor....

## Question 8: Ranking issues in importance

Please put in order the importance you give to each of the following issues in regard to import and export of gametes and embryos with 1 being the most important.

Altruistic donation

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Right of donor offspring to access identifying information about donors

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New Zealand requirements for family size limitations

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Explicit informed consent to export to another country

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New Zealand prohibitions on the use of sex selection [box]

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Use of gametes and embryos overseas in procedures or research prohibited or precluded in New Zealand

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Another issue or issues (please describe)

New Zealand seems to be so far behind other countries where they are so closed minded to progress in this area. There are so many amazing things going on in the field of infertility and NZ seems to have an approach of disapproval rather than advancement. I do understand that there is a lot of grey area and unknown for the future, but we could be a lot more flexible in a lot of cases.

## Question 9

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about the issues discussed in this background paper?

