

REVIEW OF HUMAN TISSUE LAWS – ISSUE PAPER SUBMISSION

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1. What is your personal experience of how human tissue is obtained or used in Australia?

I am a transplant recipient. I had a liver transplant on 26/10/1989 at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane.

2. What is your personal experience of how human tissue laws work in Australia?

I have been involved in the transplant & donor community for many years and have seen first hand how unnecessarily restrictive the laws are.

3. When we think about the laws governing how human tissue is obtained and used, what are good aims or objectives for these laws?

Increase organ donation rates

Assist grieving families

4. When we think about reforming human tissue laws, what principles should guide reform?

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6. What, if any, other issues should we be focusing on in this Inquiry?

Recipients and donors should be given pathways to contact each other if they so choose, while protecting the privacy of those that don't want contact.

In my case, I have known my donor family for over 25 years and I know for a fact that our contact has helped both parties recover from what is a momentous event in our lives.

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