

Feedback form

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Questions about the issues discussed in the paper

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

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

I don't believe so as commercial donation is a factor – and also hard to get identifying information

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

Yes ☐ No ☒

Please give reasons for your views.

I believe donors want to be altruistic in NZ – and there are enough donors – I feel many are lost through the lack of contact with clinics

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?

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

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

I think it is donor offspring's right to access identifying information if they want it

Please give reasons for your views.

I have seen the children of donation grow up and that this information is important to the ones I know

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?

Please give reasons for your views.

I think the limits in NZ are in place for a good reason

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?

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

I think a case could be argued for sex selection in a case where a genetic condition affects a certain sex – and NZ does not carry out the procedure

Please give reasons for your views.

Question 5: Scope of informed consent

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

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| • Be required in all circumstances? | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| • Not be required? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Be required in some circumstances? | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

What are those circumstances?

I don't believe that embryos or gametes should be imported – however I DO think they should be able to be exported from NZ to a suitable country to do more up to date treatments in other countries that NZ does not provide

Please give reasons for your views.

I think the export can be covered by NZ law in the way they are produced (with donors be identifiable) but many treatments are not aggressive enough or still not used in NZ – but are routine in others countries (ie Australia with immune treatments)

Whereas I disagree with importing them for the reasons stated already – commercial reasons and identifying of donors. I think it's fine for IPs to go overseas for treatment with commercial gametes and embryos as they know what they are doing – but don't think this should be routine over in NZ

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?

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| • In all circumstances? | Yes | <input checked="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?

To access more up to date treatments with their embryos/gametes

Please give reasons for your views.

I feel NZ is a bit behind the times with treatments – particularly with donor gametes and embryos and immune treatments – and could export these to another country for more aggressive treatment in certain conditions

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.

That's why I think vetoing the import of gametes/embryos would avoid a mismatch, whereas export would ensure a match on issues I can think of

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

2

Right of donor offspring to access identifying information about donors

1

New Zealand requirements for family size limitations

5

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)

Question 9

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

