

chological problems of identification will a child who is the product of a three or four way donor-recipient birth have? While it is accepted that the other States are 'watching with interest' the developments in Victoria, surely this issue is of national importance and should be resolved at a federal level. At present only Victoria, Western Australia, Queensland and NSW have committees to lay down guidelines ... it would seem unwise for the Victorians or anyone else to allow this restructuring of human relations at a most fundamental level until there has been a thorough national debate, and there has been nothing like it yet.

nsw moves. In November the New South Wales Government introduced legislation to dissolve all legal links between the donors of sperm and children produced through artificial insemination. The Bill makes the husband of a woman who conceives through artificial insemination the legal father of the child.

In October, the New South Wales Law Reform Commission received a reference from Attorney-General Paul Landa on in vitro fertilisation, artificial insemination by donor and related matters.

The Commission has been asked to report on the need to make laws on human artificial insemination, in vitro fertilisation of human ova with human sperm and transfer of the resulting embryo to the human uterus and any other procedure whereby human ova may be fertilised than by sexual intercourse.

The reference, which is a very broad one, also requires the NSWLRC to report on the legal aspects of any other procedure whereby the process of human reproduction may be commenced, continued or completed otherwise than in the body of a human female; the preservation of human ova, human sperm and human embryo outside the human body; surrogate mothering arrangements whereby a woman agrees to bear a child for another person; and any other related matters.

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