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**To The Director, The Productivity Commission
Re my DDA Enquiry Phone Interview 3rd March 2004, 9 am Perth Time
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Summary of My Contribution**

I have been involved in the work places of a great variety of different industrial, commercial, academic, both school and university, military service during Hitler's War, and subsequent disablement in hospital, in surviving bombs, tuberculosis and two cancers. I am now working as in author at home.

My conclusion from all this is that for maximum productivity Government must provide a background of social conditions which create in the worker as far as is possible contentment with his lot and with no sense of grievance.

Working at home I was fortunate to be able to weep in sorrow at David Hookes' funeral, just as I did at Princess Diana's and my late wife's, and to share the nation's justified grief at his tragic passing. I was also able to listen on TV to the new Labor leader's recent speech to the National Press Club.

In the latter Mark Latham said that what he believed was required for Australian Society was what I saw as a return to traditional Australian "Mateship". He put it this way:-

"Relationships, balanced lives and community building are part of a new agenda for our democracy"

It is by such consideration of the totality of life that I also believe will produce in us not only maximum happiness but maximum productivity for Australia by its work force.

Recent research in Britain has shown that proper nutritional food can reduce violent behaviour in young prison offenders and in article in England's Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine reports that office workers who take regular exercise cease to be bad tempered and produce better quality work.

So there are, many factors that can influence Productivity positively. But I would now like to suggest to the Commission that there are others hidden away that can have a disastrous negative effect on a worker's Productivity by creating in the individual a sense of grievance and a possible huge festering debilitating chip on the shoulder.

My Personal Grievance

Having conic *through* so much in my life, and being a devout Christian, I have no such massive chip on my shoulder although I believe it would be well justified, I served six years 1940-1946 putting my life on the line for my country and the world's Freedom in Hitler's War and then two years flat on my back in hospital with half my spine and one lung eaten away by Tuberculosis, followed by three years wearing a spinal brace, giving up all my sport and taking care for the rest of my life.

The lovely lady I married had blocked Fallopian tubes so we could have no children in those days but after she died I fell in love with an Anglo Indian Air Hostess. Due to the cancer causing Radiation of the 100 or so X-Rays I had endured on my unprotected body in the treatment for my TB I had by then contracted the first of my two Cancers, that of the Prostate.

My lady did not permit sex before marriage so the fact that the medication for my Prostate Cancer had taken away all my sex and live sperm did not then arise, but she told me that women in her culture were expected to have children and I informed her that so did I wish to have children.

IVF had by then come out as a help for Infertile Females and I believed then that in these days of Sexual Equality there would certainly be something similar for Infertile Males, one of which I had now become, So I arranged an interview with the Head Consultant, Dr Stephen Adams, at the Perth Human Sexuality Centre at Perth's Hollywood Hospital to find out what was available for me.

After an hour long interview in which every alternative was discussed but found negative Dr Adams reported to me "The bottom. line for you, Frank, is that the only way you will have children is by cloning", I was jubilant, "Right! well, go ahead!" I said, never having heard of it at that time. He replied "I'm very sorry, Frank., but cloning is not allowed under draconian penalties of huge fines and imprisonment." I had to give up my love affair and since then I have unceasingly tried to get authority to allow me to have the children I desire, and to be honest Australia needs too for our women are not having enough babies. Now it has come to pass abroad, so why not hem in Australia?

I have been on TV and Radio, written two books on it, renamed it "In Vitro Insertion", IVI, because that is what it is, with the insertion into an egg of genes instead of sperm and then as in IVF replacement and nine months gestation, and I have received much sympathy and many offers from women to be my surrogate mothers All to no avail, despite modern research, reported in the December 2003 issue of "Scientific American" showing that human beings can never be clones because of the differing influences of the embryo in the womb and now unknown factors that override the genes so that even so called "identical DNA twins" are born as quite different individuals. Genes are only one of many factors and not now the most important. The Canadian Dionne Quintuplets all turned out to be quite distinct and different individuals, and all of us when born enter completely different cultural environments. So what is the fuss all about? It is just ignorance and cowardice.

And why am I prevented from exercising my Human Right to have children? The technology is now with us in among of all places South Korea. Come on, Australia, Wake Up! Be your age and again the Land of Freedom in which I worked happily for over ten years at Universities, became a Member of the Australian Statistical Society and became a naturalised Citizen of in 1985.

I have written over 60 academic books, over a 100 Poems, 3 Music Albums and 10 Singles, an accomplished Singer and Stage Performer, expert and authority on the Didgeridoo so I think my genes might pass, Over One Million infertile women world wide have been assisted to have children by IVF yet not one infertile male has been helped by the very similar IVI. If men had a movement similar to women's Feminism there would be a completely justified national outcry.

The Australian Ban on IVI ("Cloning") is a National Disgrace

Maybe it will come when one of our brave soldiers in Iraq has his testicles shot away and the only way for him to have children is by IVI ("Cloning"). What then? IVI is applicable to help women too and it has the great advantage over IVF in that the children born by it know their father which is not the case for many of the children horn by IVF.

Prostate Cancer is one of the most prevalent cancers suffered by Australian men and there must be many who are under similar medication to myself and who are thus infertile. Yet there is what seems, to me to be a conspiracy of silence not to publicise the help they can get to have children from IVI. Everyone knows of me and yet in the recent publicity given to the fertility treatment in South Korea no one in the Australian Press, Radio or TV consults me for my views. My hope is that by my continued efforts this blot on Australia will be removed and infertile men will be treated equally as regards fertility with women as they should be by Law.

Australia's Shortage of Workers now adversely affecting our Productivity

The Government has announced today as I write sweeping plans to combat the chronic shortage of workers due to our low Birth Rate and is hoping that its new plans will encourage older retired workers to come back into the work force to help out. The Leader of the Opposition has hinted that he agrees with the plan in outline. Our Australian women of child bearing age are preferring to have abortions, have life long contraception, be in Lesbian relationships, and concentrate on their careers rather than producing the children Australia so desperately needs. So why am I and other Infertile Males like myself being prevented by the modern technology of IVI of the type very similar to the IVF which has assisted a million infertile women world wide to have children not similarly used for infertile men, not one who has been similarly helped? I believe the Productivity Commission must urge the Government to give this matter its serious consideration, not just for we infertile men, but in Australia best interests.