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AUSTRALIA ENTERS CLONING RACE

A country is what it stands for. It's what it stands for when standing for something is the most difficult.

Australia now stands for human cloning technology. Maybe not tomorrow or the day after that, but sometime, if our scientists are as smart as they say they are, Australia will stand for human cloning.

No law within our shores will prevent this cloning technology from being shipped overseas to clone a human being. Science is global. Ethics are not.

Today, Melbourne Cup Day 2006, we entered the new race to clone a human. We gave sanction to distinguishing between two kinds of embryo – one born to live, the other created to die.

The beneficiaries will not be the patients and sufferers of terrible illness. The beneficiaries will be the pharmaceutical corporations, patent holders and traffickers in human embryonic clones and stem cell lines.

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