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Speaker Profile



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Dr Megan Munsie is the Director of Government Affairs and Policy at the Australian Stem Cell Centre (ASCC) where she is responsible for the Centre's government interactions and the development and implementation of policy and procedures to ensure that the Centre remains globally recognised as an ethical best-in-class Biotechnology Centre of Excellence. She also provides advice and information on ethics and policy in the area of stem cells to ASCC researchers, government and community members.

Megan is fascinated by all aspects of stem cell biology with a particular interest in the derivation and differentiation of embryonic stem cells and the ethical considerations involved in the use of stem cells in research. Megan was a member of the successful collaboration that derived the MEL series of human embryonic stem cell lines in one of the first NHMRC licensed projects in Australia and was the first person to demonstrate - in an animal model - that stem cell lines could be generated from an adult cell using the technique of somatic cell nuclear transfer.

Recently, Megan has been actively involved in petitioning for reform to the Commonwealth and state legislation regulating embryo research in Australia. She is a member of the International Society of Stem Cell Research Task Force on the Clinical Translation of Stem Cells and was recently invited to join the Infertility Treatment Authority's Clinical and Scientific Advisory Panel. Previously, Megan held the position of Scientific Development Manager - Australia for the UK listed biotechnology company, Stem Cell Sciences. She is also skilled in all aspects of assisted reproductive technology with over twelve years experience as an embryologist in several IVF practices in Australia. Megan completed her undergraduate degree at the Queensland University of Technology and has received a Masters of Reproductive Sciences and Doctorate of Philosophy from Monash University.