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An Act to amend the *Coroners Act 1996*.

[Assented to 8 September 2004]

The Parliament of Western Australia enacts as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Coroners Amendment Act 2004*.

2. The Act amended

The amendments in this Act are to the *Coroners Act 1996**.

[* *Act No. 2 of 1996.*

*For subsequent amendments see Western Australian
Legislation Information Tables for 2003, Table 1, p. 81.]*

3. Section 53A inserted

Before section 54, the following section is inserted in Part 6 —

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53A. State Coroner may provide information about deaths to human tissue donation agencies

- (1) At the request of a human tissue donation agency, the State Coroner may provide to that agency the following information in respect of any deceased person whose death there is jurisdiction to investigate under this Act —
 - (a) the deceased person's name;
 - (b) the deceased person's age;
 - (c) a brief description of the circumstances of death;
 - (d) the name of the deceased person's senior next of kin, or if that is not known, the name of any of the person's next of kin under section 37(5); and
 - (e) an address, telephone number or other contact details for the person whose name is provided under paragraph (d).
- (2) If information is provided under subsection (1) in a document, then the human tissue donation agency to which it was provided is to ensure that the document is destroyed within 2 days of it being so provided.

(3) In this section —

“human tissue donation agency” means an office or organisational unit which —

- (a) coordinates or encourages the donation of human tissue for transplantation in accordance with the *Human Tissue and Transplant Act 1982*; and
- (b) is within the department of the Public Service principally assisting the Minister administering that Act.

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