AN Adelaide University professor has developed a male contraceptive device he says would be suitable for men thinking about having a vasectomy.

Dr Derek Abbott says the "Microvalve" is hypodermically inserted into the male's vas deferens and then can be opened and closed using a personally coded remote control. "It might help guys who are a bit iffy about going for a vasectomy - and men love their remotes," Dr Abbott said.

Before the device is approved for human use, it will need to undergo several years of trials. It will feature on ABC-TV's The New Inventors next Wednesday at 8pm.