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Should the legal restrictions and criminal penalties against altruistic surrogacy be removed from the *Surrogate Parenthood Act 1988* (Qld)?

Yes

Should the Queensland Government play a role in regulating altruistic surrogacy arrangements in Queensland?

Yes. Is it so hard to allow a couple who desperately want a baby of their own who will go to all the trouble of surrogacy and take each case individually on their merits and what they can do for a wanted child.

What criteria, if any, should the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate have to meet before entering into an altruistic surrogacy arrangement?

The criteria being that after all avenues of pregnancy are exhausted surely a couple who desperately want a child of their own and can prove they will be good parents why is it so that that cannot happen?

Should criteria for commissioning parents be similar to that for adoptive parents?

I hope not as adoption is nearly 10 years and that is a ridiculous time to wait for a baby

Should at least one of the commissioning parents have a genetic relationship with the child?

If that is a possibility then yes but if not it wouldn't matter as these parents obviously want a baby