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

I am completely opposed to these raft of initiatives being entertained at this time re the Surrogate parenthood Act. These changes fly in the face of all moral responsibility that is currently ours to protect the very nature of parenthood - that being between a man and a woman in the legal institution of marriage as defined within the scriptures of the Holy Bible

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

Essentially there is no reason to entertain these proposed laws at all

What other issues should be addressed by the Government?

Uphold the values that were alive and well at this nations inception through the then appreciated English governance

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

None

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

Not relevant

What role should a genetic relationship between the child and the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate play in an altruistic surrogacy arrangement?

Forget the whole thing

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

This is so wrong on every level - God is watching

Should the surrogate be able to use her gametes or should she have no genetic relationship to the child?

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What legal rights and responsibilities should be imposed upon the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate?

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Should the definition of altruistic surrogacy only include pre-conception agreements in Queensland?

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If infertility and/or health risk to the mother or child is a criterion for surrogacy, how should these criteria be defined?

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How well does the transfer of legal parentage in a surrogacy arrangement fit with contemporary approaches in family law and adoption?

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How important is it for there to be a mechanism for the transfer of legal parentage that is specific to surrogacy arrangements? What would this be?

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What are the consequences for children born of a surrogacy arrangement in Queensland of maintaining the status quo?

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Should the surrogate's rights to be automatically recorded as the child's parent on the birth certificate and to approve legal transfer after birth remain if she has no genetic connection to the child?

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What rights should a child born through an altruistic surrogacy arrangement have to access information relating his or her genetic parentage? Who should hold this information?

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What, if any, other matters should be considered in the regulation of this issue?

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