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

Absolutely not. Surrogacy should not be permitted.

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

The role of the Queensland Government should be solely to protect children.. Legal restrictions and criminal penalties against altruistic surrogacy will protect children from a potentially damaging situation.

**What other issues should be addressed by the Government?**

There should be no other issues. Altruistic surrogacy should not be allowed because it is not in the best interest of the child.

**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?**

I cannot even believe you would ask a question. What right do we have to deny children their genetic mother and father? This is ludicrous. How dare we put the wants of adults over the best interests of children.

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

Can you not see the absurdity in all your questioning? How complicated a process it is, and how risky a process it is, is clearly identified in the fact that you are asking so many questions relating to it. Each child deserves to be raised in a home with their genetic mother and father. Although, in reality this is not always the case, the government should at least aim for this as their starting point. It is the job of the government to protect these most vulnerable of our society - our children. Adults should not be allowed to have children at whatever cost. As hard as it must be for infertile couples, we should remember that it is not always appropriate to try to get what we want. The right of the child must be upheld.