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

**Should the Queensland Government play a role in regulating altruistic surrogacy arrangements in Queensland?**  
no it should remain as a prohibition.

**What other issues should be addressed by the Government?**  
prohibition on same sex parenting

**What criteria, if any, should the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate have to meet before entering into an altruistic surrogacy arrangement?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**Should criteria for commissioning parents be similar to that for adoptive parents?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**What role should a genetic relationship between the child and the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate play in an altruistic surrogacy arrangement?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**Should at least one of the commissioning parents have a genetic relationship with the child?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**Should the surrogate be able to use her gametes or should she have no genetic relationship to the child?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**What legal rights and responsibilities should be imposed upon the commissioning parent/s and/or surrogate?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**Should the definition of altruistic surrogacy only include pre-conception agreements in Queensland?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**If infertility and/or health risk to the mother or child is a criterion for surrogacy, how should these criteria be defined?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**How well does the transfer of legal parentage in a surrogacy arrangement fit with contemporary approaches in family law and adoption?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**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?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**What are the consequences for children born of a surrogacy arrangement in Queensland of maintaining the status quo?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**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?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**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?**  
there is no reason that justifies the alteration to the existing laws

**What, if any, other matters should be considered in the regulation of this issue?**  
more support to the existing family environment including additional support for foster and adoptive parenting roles