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

NO

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

I strongly believe that surrogacy should not be legalised, because of the negative impacts it will have on children, including significant legal and relational consequences. I understand the deep pain felt by infertile couples, but I believe that, on balance, it is wrong to create a situation where numerous adults could have a biological stake in a child. I strongly believe that the risks in legalising surrogacy will override any benefits to society. It is not in the public good to allow children to be conceived in arrangements that are fraught with such difficulties and complexities. Such difficulties include: . Legal challenges as to who is the parent; . Access to singles and same-sex couples; . Genetic bewilderment for children; . The potential for up to five different parents; . Blurred family relationships and disruption to relationship links between marriage, conception, gestation, birth and motherhood, which are important to human identity.