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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. Why? Because it will lead to many children brought into the world in this immoral manner growing up confused as to who their 'parents' really are. We already have more than enough confusing relationships for children to handle.

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

Not possible to close the gate after the horse has bolted!

What other issues should be addressed by the Government?

DON'T Do anything to further this very misguided proposal at all.

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

Banning this immoral practice will obviate the need to legislate on any point.

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

NO.

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

These questions all arrogantly presume that this is a viable option - it is NOT.

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

See immediately above.

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

See immediately above!

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

See above.

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

See above.

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

See above.

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

It will be a disaster.

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?

See above.

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

See above.

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?

NO.

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?

See all above.

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

It should be never go ahead.