

Dear Committe Members,

We wish to voice our concern about the proposal to decriminalise altruistic surrogacy in the Qld parliament. In our view to do so would be to open a 'can of worms'. We sympathise greatly with those couples who are unable to have children, and would suggest a better option for them (& society at large) would be to pursue adoption. We think that the short term benefits to the parents are greatly overwhelmed by the subsequent life long issues raised for children of such procedures and also the potential for compensation claims against the State i.e. the taxpayer, by such children who feel that they have been discriminated against in some form, is substantial. In short we are against any moves to change the existing legislation.

Yours sincerely

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