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

The laws should be retained as they are, so that surrogacy remains illegal.

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

There's too many parties involved in the parentage to be anything less than confusing - a child needs a sense of identity that comes from two parents.

What other issues should be addressed by the Government?

The gay lobby expressing their interest in using surrogacy to bring children into homosexual unions - more gender bewilderment for a young person.

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

I see the whole issue as a minefield of problems. Give the people desiring babies access to counselling, and make the whole adoption procedure quicker, and improve access to overseas adoptions.

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

simply too many involved parties.

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

that would be nice

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

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

IVF should be available to married, heterosexual couples only. Save some of the taxpayers money and stop these services being accessed by single people and gays.

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

Adopt or foster a child instead.

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

not familiar - can't comment

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?

poor kids.....

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?

Everyone needs to know their heritage - otherwise there's a chance of closely related people marrying.

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

Society needs to change its ideas on abortion. Lower the abortion rates through pro life counselling and adoption, and there'd be plenty of babies for these desperate infertile couples.