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SUBMISSION

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

We strongly believe that the legal restrictions and criminal penalties against altruistic surrogacy should NOT be removed from the Act because of the potential negative impacts on the children involved - including significant legal, emotional and relational problems. We understand the pain suffered by childless couples but believe it would be wrong to allow children to be placed in a situation where numerous adults could have a biological stake in the child. No child should be placed in such a situation.

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

We believe the best and only complete protection in all of these areas is not to change the present legal restrictions and criminal penalties.

What other issues should be addressed by the Government?

If changes are made we consider no access should be allowed by singles or same-sex couples. IT IS ESSENTIAL IN OUR VIEW THAT THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN A MAN AND A WOMAN BE PRESERVED IN THIS AS IN ALL OTHER AREAS.