

Tuesday, June 10, 2008
Queensland Surrogacy Committee

Dear members of the committee,

I am alarmed at the interest that Qld Gov is showing in surrogacy.

It is not that I am without feelings of concern for those infertile couples that cannot have children of their own- **But** I envisage there would be many distressing difficulties if Qld legalized such surrogacy, even under the "altruistic" banner.

How important it is to an individual's well being, to know "where they fit" into the human race. If they **know not** their real father or mother... what a tragedy.

"Who am I, and where do I come from" is a question many people ask as they get older in this world.. With the potential for up to five different parents.. disaster for the child's emotional/relational well being.

These days of mixed /blended families, many with heart-wrenching results for the children involved in these, the situation envisaged for surrogacy children would multiply **many fold**.

If surrogacy were brought in legally, I don't believe that either same-sex couples, or even single people should have such benefits. Marriage is between 1 man and 1 woman... giving the children born the security of having a father and a mother.

The legal challenges of just who is the father, mother, parent are enormous.

Lets leave it alone.

Society needs security of the traditional family.
I believe surrogacy would greatly harm, even disintegrate the human race .

Yours sincerely,

 Helen Curtis