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Surrogacy is fast becoming a big issue in our society-Not being a new concept,surrogacy has been seen in the past as being harmful overall,and that it's benefits are outweighed by the risks and pitfalls of such a practice.

Consider the children involved-there are large and varied dangers for each child involved in surrogacy-Emotional and communal stability is something that would suffer greatly for surrogate children,let alone the parents and parties involved in such a complex and web-like legal situation.

If surrogacy was legalised,the government would have to regulate in a very "trial and error" fashion that would take many years and many mistakes to become "safe" Even then,variables in society would continue to press and change the laws for years ahead. Meanwhile,during this time,children and parents would suffer such from such "mistakes" and "breaking new ground"

Legalised surrogacy is a huge risk-Consider the other options available to childless parents-adoption and IVF.

They have been worked over many times in our legalisation and do not expose children to the risks and pitfalls that surrogacy presents.Whilst beneficial in a limited sense, surrogacy is just not worth the pain and confusion that it will bring into society.

Lets not put our children and parents in such a minefield.

Thanks for taking the time to read this,and I hope that we can work together for a better Australia

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