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Linda Lavarch MP
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Parliament House
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Dear Linda

Thank you for the invitation to the Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology (ACART) to provide a submission to your investigation into altruistic surrogacy in Queensland.

The Human Assisted Reproductive Technology (HART) Act 2004 in section 14(1) provides that a surrogacy arrangement in New Zealand is not in itself illegal, but is not enforceable by or against any person. Commercial surrogacy is prohibited.

Surrogacy arrangements involving providers of fertility services must be reviewed on a case by case basis by an ethics committee, the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology. ACART has issued guidelines to the ethics committee, and these can be viewed at:

<http://www.acart.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexcm/acart-resources-guidelines-surrogacy-fertilityservices>.

You may also be interested in the public submissions received during the development of the surrogacy guidelines. These can be viewed at:

[http://www.acart.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7448/\\$File/summary-of-submissions-on-art-mar08.doc](http://www.acart.health.govt.nz/moh.nsf/pagescm/7448/$File/summary-of-submissions-on-art-mar08.doc).

Yours sincerely

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