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

I believe the legal restrictions and criminal penalties against altruistic surrogacy should be removed from the Surrogate Parenthood Act 1988 (QLD). Altruistic surrogacy should be available to, but not necessarily limited to, couples where a prospective mother's underlying medical condition(s) would make pregnancy hazardous (in terms of morbidity or mortality) for her or her baby. The validity of risk and suitability of any prospective surrogacy arrangement could be assessed by a panel consisting of, but not necessarily limited to, an obstetrician, midwife, obstetric physician, psychiatrist or psychologist, ethicist, and a member of the legal profession. Please consider the letter to the Editor : Morton AP A case for Altruistic Surrogacy Med J Aust 2005: 183 (3): 162

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

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

These criteria should be assessed on an individual basis by a panel consisting of an obstetrician, midwife, obstetric physician, ethicist, psychologist or psychiatrist, and a member of the legal profession.