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

no. surrogacy should not be made legal, because of the negative impacts it would have on children, including significant legal and relational consequences. The difficulties and complexities override any benefits and are not in the best interests of the child as numerous adults could have a biological stake in a child. These difficulties include: . Legal challenges as to who is the parent; . Access to singles and same-sex couples; . Genetic bewilderment for children; . The potential for up to five different parents; . Blurred family relationships and disruption to relationship links between marriage, conception, gestation, birth and motherhood, which are important to human identity.

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

no surrogacy is completely altruistic since doctors and others get paid for their services. The role the Queensland government should play is to not allow any form of surrogacy since the best and healthiest environment for a child is to have two biological parents within a marriage relationship.