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To: Surrogacy Committee

Subject: Altruistic surrogacy

Hello.

My name is Naomi. I am 38 years old and have been using IVF with donor sperm at QFG Brisbane but have not been successful. Six years ago I was in a horrific motor accident and I now have multiple spinal fusions and among other things, suffered an open book fractured pelvis which was put back together with a metal plate and screws, these have now been removed and scar tissue holds my pelvis together. The last thing I should be doing is getting pregnant and carrying a child, but as I am 38 and desperately want to be a mother, and as surrogacy is a criminal act in Queensland, I am taking this risk as I do not see any other options. My cousin's wife who is 28 and also lives in Brisbane wants to act as a surrogate for me. They have three children of their own and she has had her tubes tied and they do not want any more children for themselves, but she says she enjoys being pregnant and they both want to be able to help me with this.

I beg of you, please, please show Queensland to be both sensible in this matter, particularly in medical related cases like mine, and also a leader within Australia to put forward legislation which keeps up with technology and needs of people such as myself.

In my case we are all willing to be part of this and no money would be exchanged, it is purely for love of family and children.

Thankyou,

Naomi Myerthall