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Thank you in advance for reading my submission regarding the Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Six weeks ago my husband and I welcomed our beautiful son into this world thanks to our incredible surrogate Michelle and her family. This could not have been possible without the 2008 Surrogacy Act. Having a biological child was something I had accepted may never happen, but had always hoped it was possible since my diagnosis of MRKH (absence of a uterus) at 16 in 2001, at that time Surrogacy was illegal in Western Australia.

It pains me that my brother, cousins, family and friends are not able to experience the amazing journey of altruistic surrogacy in WA because of our current legislation. The fact that the only reason they are unable to experience surrogacy is because they are male is abhorrent.

Men's ability to either single parent or co-parent should not be in question here, Australia already allows both single men and homosexual male couples to foster and adopt children. During the past six weeks of seeing my husband raise our child I have seen first hand the nurturing, loving care that men can provide to their children.

The surrogacy process within WA is a comprehensive one involving counselling, psychological assessments and legal surrogacy arrangements. As someone who has gone through this process I can vouch for the thoroughness and detailed examination of all parties mental states and understanding of their agreed arrangements during the conception, pregnancy and subsequent parenting.

I am someone who has directly benefited from legislation changes regarding surrogacy, so I know WA can do it again and grant the wishes of so many men across the state to become parents, I encourage this committee to support the proposed legislation changes.

Kind Regards  
Kate Ranger