

**Legislation Committee**

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**Sent:** Thursday, 2 May 2019 9:38 AM  
**To:** Legislation Committee  
**Subject:** Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to address your inquiry into the *Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*, which I understand will amend the *Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991* and the *Surrogacy Act 2008* to enable male same-sex couples and single men to access surrogacy.

I ask that you do not support this bill as it is a danger to the rights of children to have a father and a mother and also seeks to exploit women. The best and safest family unit for children to be raised in is one that consists of married male and female parents. This is the only legitimate relationship which can have an expectation of receiving children. No adult or couple has the right to pursue their own desires at the cost of a child's right to male and female parents. Children are a blessing and a gift - not a right.

While there are many single parents who do a wonderful job raising children on their own, there is a big difference between making the best of an unfortunate situation and deliberately creating a situation where children will be knowingly and deliberately deprived of at least one of their biological parents. The introduction of this bill is further evidence of how selfish society has become and how the rights of the most vulnerable members of our society have been belittled and ignored. The State government should not be facilitating and normalising the provision of children to single men or homosexual couples.

Surrogacy allows adults to trade and bargain with human life. It risks commodifying and commercialising the reproductive and child-bearing capability of women. The State has no business in facilitating such behaviour.

I pray that you will receive the wisdom, strength and fortitude to make the right decision on this issue.

Kind regards,

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