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**To:** Legislation Committee  
**Subject:** Submission to Inquiry into Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Dear Members of the Standing Committee on Legislation,

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.

No country allows the sale of human beings, so why would we allow surrogacy. Surrogacy removes children from their mother who has carried and birthed them. Placing children in a family with two males removes children from their mother and knowingly places them in a family without a father and mother. Research shows that children do best in intact biological families.

Surrogacy may look to bring happiness, cute newborns and notions of the modern family, but behind it is an industry that buys and sells human life. Where babies are tailor-made to fit the desires of the world's rich. Where a mother is nothing, deprived even of the right to be called "mum", and the customer is everything. We should not socially engineer what is simply not possible in nature.

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