

Legislation Committee

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Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 12:10 AM
To: Legislation Committee
Cc: Libby.Mettam@mp.gov.au
Subject: surrogacy considerations

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.

As a member of our community I like to inform you that we as family strongly disfavour the need to consider this option. please take a minute to read through and consider our reasons:

- This is a very difficult subject to tackle in such short time frame. I would beg that you listen to Libby Mettam ... our local MP. I have previously written to her our brief line of thinking on this issue. She in turn provided me with a speech she had in parliament. After reading this I note that our dear MP Libby Mettam is very qualified and discerning showing extensive research and knowledge on this issue.
- Please see below a message I sent to MP Libby Mettam previously on this issue and so resubmit it to you. Sorry I have not made a new or separate one, but as family we are more than happy to discuss this in more depth. I would love a response to this busy family who are very concerned about the direction we are going : (we are a family of Mum and Dad and 6 children). Sorry to make this personal but I dearly love God, my family and all my fellow citizens. So if this submission in total is inadmissible in any way please let me know. My email address is below.

Re: I am a constituent, please vote against this surrogacy bill

Dear Libby Mettam,

I know that in our society we all do think different and have differing value judgements. As a Christian I see the need in our society to model our legislation taking into account how God would have us as a nation serve Him and serve our fellow human beings. Our good Lord in caring for us, revealed in the bible the basic principles for us to work with.

1. Hold marriage in our society as a union between a man and a woman
2. promote healthy relationships within this sphere of marriage where we uphold honesty and fidelity amongst our selves and in society

3. Inside this sphere of marriage we see the natural procreation as a result of this union, which is the foundation of families and society

4. We are as parents to instruct (educate) our children how to live a life of service to please God and serve our fellow human beings.

5. When things happen outside of these principles then we as a society (as govt, community and individually) assist wherever we can to correct relationships which break down.

6. When there are individuals who in any way are vulnerable, at risk, or disadvantaged we must look out for them, protect them and provide for them.

Giving single people the right to surrogacy deliberately denies a child the right to a father or a mother. It is a bill which goes against the basic principals outlined for us. As a result it will negatively impact on the children and on society.

We should never do away with mothering or fathering. Both are essential to children, that is why it is an absolute tragedy when kids miss out on either one through unfortunate circumstances.

Let me plead with you that you may understand my line of thought. I know it is very unpopular in the mainstream of our community. When reading the above please do not think that the bible promotes a narrow mind or a bigoted view point. The bible does not give us all the answers. God has outlined enough in the bible to encourage us to diligently work within a framework of correct value judgements so we can build relationships at all levels for all people for all time.

Along with many other decisions that get made by our Government we pray that you may show good leadership and Godly wisdom in the decisions you make

Please vote against the Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

We will continue to pray daily for the government and ruling bodies that we have in our country because we know it is our good Lord in heaven who put you guys in authority over us. As a result we may live in freedom and in harmony with each other and so can praise our God for His care over us on our journey 'under the sun'. We will continue to appreciate, respect and honour you in your tasks

Sincerely,
Stephen Bosveld

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