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The Honourable Sally Talbot MLC
Chair, Standing Committee on Legislation
Legislative Council
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Madam Chair,

Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

I acknowledge your letter dated 17 April 2019 regarding the above Bill.

Given it is the view of the judges that we should not offer any comment about matters of policy, I limit my comments to practical issues:

1. Clause 2: The timeframes for the commencement of the proposed legislation provides sufficient time for the Family Court of Western Australia to transition to the new arrangements, including updating our website.
2. There are no other practical or financial impediments on the Family Court of Western Australia, consequent upon the introduction of the proposed legislation.

Yours faithfully

**GAIL SUTHERLAND
CHIEF JUDGE**