

Legislation Committee

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To: Legislation Committee
Subject: Submission to Inquiry into Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 201

Dear Members of the Standing Committee on Legislation,

We are addressing your inquiry into the *Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*, which 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.

Wherever possible, children are to be conceived, born or adopted and raised by a father and mother within a family unit as much as possible. This is the way it has with good reason been designed by God and accepted by society for many centuries.

We believe that laws should be opposed which undermine this design. Further, we believe that this Bill will result in injustice, both to children (who will deliberately be removed from their mothers to be placed in motherless homes) and possibly to surrogate mothers as well. The emotional stress and trauma that this potentially causes to those individuals involved, needs to be clearly recognized and guarded against.

Government has the duty and responsibility to ensure that children and their mothers are protected from this type of exploitation.

Wishing you much wisdom on your deliberations.

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