

Legislation Committee

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Subject: Surrogacy laws

I would like to express my support for changing/amending the current legislation pertaining to male same sex couples and allowing them to start a family in Australia through the means of surrogacy.

I have a son with my partner and we had to go through IVF for her to fall pregnant. This was the most unbelievably rewarding experience we have gone through as a couple and has changed our life in so many positive ways. It truly saddens me that our current legislation denies gay men and single men the right to begin their own family unless they are willing and able to pay upwards of \$130,000 to travel overseas in the hope of finding a surrogate.

I would love nothing more than for this new legislation to include male couples and single men into the equation and allow them to seek a surrogate to begin their family.

Many thanks

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