

Legislation Committee

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Dear Committee members, the Hon. Dr Sally Elizabeth Talbot MLC, the Hon. Nicholas (Nick) Pierre Goiran MLC, the Hon. Pierre Shuai Yang MLC, the Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC, and the Hon. Colin Stephen de Grussa MLC,

As a citizen of Western Australia I want you to know that I am against changing the current law regarding surrogacy here in W.A.

Good laws stand strong, a law that is not good needs ongoing supporting laws to keep propping it up. An example of this is the recent same-sex marriage law with the repercussions now needing to have gender fluidity laws and laws that take away the right to a faith based education.

Forty-five percent of couples seeking surrogacy prefer to go overseas as it is cheaper except in America where it costs about \$165,000. Not knowing how many same sex couples there are in Western Australia wanting surrogacy, it still seems to me to be a very small number of people to actually change the law for. It is obviously a very expensive pathway and with our medical system taxpayers will be contributing.

There have been no studies done on the effects on children of having two male parents. I feel that every child, where possible, has the right to have a mother and a father. There is nothing like a mother's love. It is irreplaceable. It is also possible that in the future, these children may sue the government for compensation for making a law that caused them to suffer the loss of having a mother. It could be another 'Stolen Generation'.

What is best for the child is the main consideration here.

Thanking you all for all your hard work,
Marie Ryan

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