

Legislation Committee

From: Brendan Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 15 April 2019 9:01 PM
To: Legislation Committee
Subject: Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 - submission

Hi,

I am firmly against this ammendment which is seeking to grant gay couples and single men rights to surrogacy.

I am not against gay people and I am not saying they, or even single men on their own can't make great and loving parents. I am simply saying we should be putting the basic rights of children ahead of adult's desires to have children.

I believe every child has the most basic of rights to at least the opportunity of being raised by their biological mother and father. Obviously this is not always possible due to divorce and such, but I do not believe we should be making laws which legitimise "family" structures, which by definition, immediately exclude a child the opportunity of being raised by their real mother and father.

For thousands of years, cultures have generally accepted that a child is best off if they are brought up by their real Mum and Dad. Research also supports this. It is only the past decade or so we in Western Society have questioned this and time will tell as to the long term consequences these kind of changes are going to have.

Finally, nature has made it that children are created from a male and a female, and specifically, created when a male and a female are bonded in the most intimate way possible. It therefore should be quite self-evident that a child should be nurtured and kept in the unit within which they were created.

Every child has the right to know and to be raised by their biological parents. I hope you will consider this right when deliberating over the proposed ammendments.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion on this.

Sincerely,

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