

Legislation Committee

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To: Legislation Committee
Subject: Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Dear Committee,

The proposed amendment in regards to single people “having a right” to surrogacy whilst having the veneer of compassion is basically flawed because it focuses on the adult and not on the rights of the child.

Giving single people the right to surrogacy deliberately denies a child the right to a father or a mother.

Humanity is composed of male and female whose physical and psychological make up whilst different are complimentary. Both characteristics are important to normal child development.

Children have a right to grow up with their biological parents. Children need a mum and a dad and they need to know who that mum and dad are.

Many children who don't know who their biological parents are face tremendous pain and hurt.

To me it seems that surrogacy is trading in human lives which is not the value our society should be encouraging.

The reason given for allowing access to single men, is that the current laws (passed in 2008) gave single females the right to access surrogacy arrangements, however we are told that no single female has applied for surrogacy in this 10-year period. Rather than extend the right to single men, the right to surrogacy for single people should be removed.

Sociological and psychological research clearly shows that children brought up by their biological parents in a married relationship fare better in all measures. (see report *For Kids' Sake: Repairing the Social Environment for Australian Children and Young People*, by Professor Patrick Parkinson AM, professor of law at the University of Sydney.)

The only studies that claim there are no statistical differences in outcomes, were based on extremely small sample sizes, guaranteeing any differences would not be uncovered.

I submit that at the very least all reference to a right to surrogacy for single people be struck from this legislation.

**Yours sincerely,
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