AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION

SURROGACY

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SURROGACY as the current Commonwealth, State and Territory laws allow for persons to engage in agreements for Altruistic Surrogacy are maintained -

They do so allow for persons to

Fulfill goals of starting a family, bearing a child with assistance where needed by willing and consenting individuals by way of mutual agreements.

The prime goal being to “start a family” when other means are not possible.

KEEP A BAN ON COMMERCIAL SURROGACY, maintain Status Quo.

A BAN on COMMERCIAL Surrogacy by Commonwealth Government, as well as further prohibitions by State and Territories ensures that Surrogacy Agreements are with the motivation of ‘bearing children ‘ and access to families.

Persons putting financial and individual motivations for “gaining a child” while leaving other individuals falling upon circumstances that give rise to exploitation -

A child thereby becoming a “product”.

Australia should by no means allow by law or other permissiveness for this to be sanctioned by Government and legislation. A strong cultural message must be clear:

Thereby keeping a motivation of financial gain and exploitation of individuals, is to be subject to serious penalty.

These legal sanctions serve the Australian people with a “message” not to exploit individuals and not “commodify” human bodies, upholding human dignity.

Commercial Surrogacy is notorious in many jurisdictions globally as involved with human trafficking, forced and coercive practices.

There is not sufficient safeguard, instruments of enforcement against such practices if allowed to operate here in Australia.

Law Enforcement resources do not meet satisfactory standards as seen in other occurrences of human trafficking and forced labour in Australia.