

## **SURROGACY SUBMISSION 8/07/2025**

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I am adopted, and I am most dismayed at 1) the fact that this child trafficking arrangement of surrogacy is allowed in societies here and abroad, and 2) the proven fact that abuses towards the child of surrogacy are ongoing and persistent. These abuses have also been experienced by adopted people, and of course some of these abuses are very specific to donor / surrogacy conceived. These abuses are well documented in the academic literature and domain area subject knowledge, thus there exists NO excuses apart from selfishness on part of parents and their aiders and abettors such as government, agencies, medicos and such staff.

This may go broader than your scope, and covers donor conception, adoption and surrogacy.

1. Why do past and current studies show the vast majority conceived through these methods are lied to, deceived, and betrayed about their true identity. I met two people recently, who disclosed to me the following:
  - a. A 35 year old found out she was donor conceived through Ancestry DNA. Her whole world was rocked.
  - b. An Italian couple's son in the Eastern Suburb of Melbourne turned 18 years of age and only then was this poor chap told he was adopted.
  - c. Donor / Surrogacy conceived are stated in the academic literature, as having up to 80% non-disclosure of identity by their "supposed" loving parents.
  - d. It's about time this becomes a criminal and civil offence for these "supposed" loving parents, the vast majority of whom cannot be trusted to do the right things.
  - e. that school and GP are "mandated" to know this status of the child.
2. Given the above, how on earth are these poor "affected" and "deceived" having their health looked after, and what statistics is govt now collecting about premature deaths. This is inhumane.
3. International adoptions. What are you now going to do, to end this barbaric practice? How on earth is the "affected" supposed to connect with who they really are. Shame.
4. Why aren't you promoting and making known, the very essence of the harms experienced by the "affected". There seems to be a promotion machine that caters to "the parents". We do not care about them. Can you start to address the major human violations occurring for the "affected" please.
5. Media. It is in no way appropriate for the name of any kid to be in the media, promoting this child trafficking. Where are the laws on this? I have seen revolting programs on TV, marketing these sick practices by using the young kid/baby on the media segment. I can assure you, that my own biological brother did not like this when a similar type of thing occurred with him in the Newspaper (RE his adoption).
6. Why are you allowing 50 year old parents to undergo this, give birth? This is a further abuse on the poor child because giving birth at this older age is associated with 1) far more conception of twins; and 2) medical complications that negatively affect the child. This too is in the academic literature.

7. End this shocking system of abuse and child trafficking. The research shows the parents cannot be trusted, and it's unclear why any person would be handing their own flesh and blood over to often what are complete strangers. This is all revolting.
8. There is nothing worse than growing up in this way, surrounded by people who are complete strangers to one's biology, personality, interests and natural environment. When I call my biological sister via phone we speak for hours and hours, unlike the people I was given to through the adoption child trafficking system who cannot hold any interesting conversation in my perspective. No one should have to endure this, and I've heard bad story after bad story for decade after decade now.