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The Commissioner
Australian Law Reform Commission
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Dear Commissioner,
SUBMISSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION – REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA'S SURROGACY LAWS
I am making this submission to contribute to the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of Australia's surrogacy laws. I am a parent of a surrogate mother who is currently carrying a baby for a couple who live in Qld. The selfless decision to carry a baby for a couple unable to have a child themselves should have some financial benefits for the mother. There is a huge shortage of surrogates in Australia, with many couple needing to go overseas to find one. My understanding is that this usually involves financial payment to the surrogate. I strongly believe that women willing to put their own lives on hold to help another couple fulfill their dream of parenthood should receive a payment for this service
I have read the Issues Paper and have responded to the questions posed in the paper below.
I seek that my submission be published but deidentified

If you or someone close to you has had personal experience of surrogacy, please describe:
What parts of your experience were positive? The sheer joy and delight on the faces of the prospective parents when the pregnancy test was positive. Our daughter creating a private Facebook group and sharing the story of her surrogacy journey. We are so proud of her.
What parts of your experience were negative? Surrogacy in W.A. is not well supported, little is known about it with most news stories only covering overseas surrogacy. Payment for surrogates is always spun in a very negative way
What could be improved and how? Pay surrogates for doing this amazing service. This could help change minds and increase the number of healthy women willing to be a surrogate for a couple in need

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours Faithfully,

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