Australian Law Reform Commission: Adolescent & Young Adult Feedback

I am making this submission to contribute to the Australian Law Reform Commission's review of Australian surrogacy laws, policies, and practices.

1. I am 13 years old.

2. I was born via surrogacy:
   - ○ in Australia
   - ◉ Overseas

3. I was born with the help of:
   - ◉ Egg Donor
   - ○ Sperm Donor
   - ○ Both
   - ○ Neither

4. What are some good things about being born through surrogacy?

   My parents definetely wanted me and i have something interesting about myself to use in 2 truths and a lie.

5. Describe any tricky or difficult times you've had because you were born through surrogacy?

   Sometimes people are like homophopic or like make fun of me but thats like really rare.

6. Should there be more education about surrogacy in schools and the media? Why?

   Yes there should, because i have to explain so many times how i was born to my friends, so i made a powerpoint. It would be really helpful if they were already educated on that so i dont have to show my powerpoint.

7. When a child is born through surrogacy, should their parents be legally recognised straight away (currently they are not)? Explain why.

   Yes because the egg/sperm donor might be related through DNA but the hcild is part of the parent/s family so they should always be reffered to as the parents.

8. In Australia, a surrogate is allowed to change their mind about handing over the baby to the parents. What do you think of that?

   That is very wrong as the parents will have been so excited and hopeful for the baby but if the surrogate just takes it thats really unfair also bc the parents probably spent a bunch of money for it.

9. In Australia, surrogates and donors are not allowed to be paid. What do you think of that?

   That should not be a rule because they are literally giving a child life and i think thats worth something.

10. Is there anything else you want to share about surrogacy and the rules around it?