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Please consider with in your review:
That the Terms of Reference reported to ALCR, have been ignored, as a framework for the work.
There is no reference to considerations in the Issues Paper.
".How to reduce barriers to Domestic altruistic" surrogacy arrangements.
The Paper does not consider the impact, medical or emotional nature of current experiences in Australia or indeed the world.,
Best interests of the Child in the current times and into the future of the Adult.
There needs to be some access to records and requirement to inform at a time when the child/adult is of age.
Therefore open and accountable "nterest of the child/adult.
I am concerned about the legal agreement between parties. What about divorce effects on the child.? What if the surrogate refuses to give up her produce (baby)? A child that has health issues?
After all, we are talking about a financial and legal agreement.
Furthermore, The altruistic action of a gestational Mother will be better guided by pre support advice as to possible repercussions and unexpected development in her ability to remain healthy and advised.
My experience of some of these possible, through adoption and other family issues, has given me much concern as to
the future injurious consequences of surrogacy.
The time frame for this submission was extremely short, and I believe this and other submissions may well have been received with a better time margin.
Yours sincerely

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