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 12 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?

   I have a good story to tell whenever people ask how i was born.

   I was the opposite of an accidental pregnancy so feel very wanted.

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

   People ask if one of my dads was pregnant and also where is my mum

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

   I think so because when i tell my story people are confused or have limited understanding

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

   Yes my parents are my parents and went through a lot to have me

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?

   I feel like she should not be able to keep the baby as the parents went through a lot to have the baby event though the surrogate may have a bond she was not one who wanted to be a parent

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

   I feel like if there was commercial surrogacy in australia more people would be able to become parents beacuse not everyone knows someone that will carry a baby for them for free

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

    Keep it simple and dont put anyone in prison for wanting to be a parent