To those who will be discussing these issues and deciding what way ahead for Australia and surrogacy,

It grieves my heart deeply that the questions that are being asked in this issue are posed as though a decision had already been made to legalise surrogacy in Australia.

Children are the most precious thing in life and cannot be bought or sold. They are born to a mother for the reason of belonging to her and growing with her. Ideally a father should also be part of the life of the child when the father is faithful and kind to the mother.

Please do not consider taking this discussion any further. Do not think of the desires of people who would pay for a child, but think of the child whose life should never be bought or sold.

Yours sincerely,

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