1. I am writing about my experience

- (●) in Australia
- ( ) Overseas

2. I have experience as an

- ( ) Intended parent
- ( ) Egg Donor
- ( ) Parent
- (●) Surrogate

3. What are some good things about your experience of surrogacy?

Surrogacy gives everyone a chance to have a family.
I have witnessed friends suffer and I have offered to help.

4. What were the difficulties you encountered?

It is a long expensive journey for everybody involved. I do believe there needs to be health checks and mental checks, but this journey has been incredibly long and painful for myself and my husband. I offered to be a surrogate and did not realize the intense involvement it would encroach on my husband's life.

5. Should there be more education about surrogacy? Why?

Surrogacy should be spoken about in a more normal lifestyle than what currently is socially accepted

6. When a child is born through surrogacy, should their parents be legally recognised straight away? Explain why.

I do believe that the parent should be legally recognition straight away. This is what has held me back from being a surrogate originally.
I didn't want to have a child and give it up for adoption. I have now learned about parenting rights.

7. What needs to be improved about surrogacy for Australians?

Surrogacy needs to be spoken about more openly

Needs to be recognizing and not everybody can carry a baby

There should be an easier pathway for teams to do this .

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

I believe they should be paid!!!
This is a huge impact on their lives and their family lives too.
Why can't a family be blessed for helping another family?
I believe this is the most virtual part of donor and surrogacy world.
Obviously, we do it out of the goodness of our heart, but to be blessed for doing it would be amazing

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

This whole process needs to be made more simple and also more socially acceptable. There are far too many rules and regulations.