Promoting the right to identity for people born through surrogacy

The Surrogacy Inquiry Final Report contains 47 recommendations for reforming surrogacy laws in Australia. Under international human rights law, all children born through surrogacy have the right to information about their gestational origins. This information sheet shows the ALRC's recommended pathway for people born through surrogacy to access information about the circumstances of their birth.

- Information about the intended parent(s) and surrogate is **collected at birth**

  - Full name
  - Place of birth
  - Month and year of birth
  - Contact details

- An addendum to all copies of the birth certificate notifies the person that **additional information is available** on the National Surrogacy Register and register of births

- The National Surrogacy Register and register of births **contain information** relating to all births through surrogacy

  Parents through **overseas surrogacy** would be required to provide information to the National Surrogacy Register within 6 months of returning to Australia

- People born through surrogacy can **access information** about their identity on the National Surrogacy Register and register of births from the age of 16, or under 16 if it is in their best interests

  - Surrogate's details
  - Type of surrogacy
  - ART service provider
  - Statement from surrogate
  - Copy of any parentage order

Read the Final Report and Summary Report **here**