

SARAH JEFFORD

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SURROGACY LAW REFORM

SNAPSHOT SUBMISSION

JULY 2025



Human rights principles



Equitable, accessible &
non-discriminatory
surrogacy across Australia

Protect the rights and
interests of children



Protect the surrogate's
right to autonomy

Legal framework

Federal surrogacy laws
One country: one law



Surrogacy managed
within the Family Court



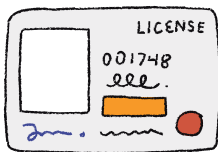
A national register for
surrogacy & donor births



Regulation



A national Assisted Reproduction Commission to oversee and regulate surrogate and ART.



Licensing of matching services



Regulated standards for
surrogacy counselling

Parentage

Pre-birth transfers of parentage



Optional post-birth counselling



Consent to a parentage order
not required



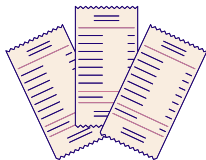
Compensation



Compensated, regulated surrogacy payments to recognise the work of surrogacy, pregnancy and birth.



Ensure payments are not tied to the parentage order



Escrow financial management services

Awareness & Education

Education and awareness campaigns



Government policies and training for Centrelink, Medicare and Passports staff.



Smarttraveller for Surrogacy



International Surrogacy



Decriminalise international
commercial surrogacy



Reciprocal recognition of
international surrogacy births



Streamlined citizenship and
passports for children born
overseas

Hospital Care for Surrogacy Pregnancy

Inclusive, responsive and
best practice surrogacy
hospital policies



Training and education for
healthcare providers

