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Dear Commissioner,

# SUBMISSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN LAW REFORM COMMISSION – REVIEW OF AUSTRALIA’S SURROGACY LAWS

I am making this submission to contribute to the Australian Law Reform Commission’s review of Australia’s surrogacy laws. I am a [choose: intended parent / surrogate / community member / professional involved in surrogacy], and I have [briefly describe your experience or interest in surrogacy].

I have read the Issues Paper and have responded to the questions posed in the paper below. [delete any question you do not wish to answer].

I seek that my submission be [choose: published but de-identified / remain confidential and not published].

[Note that the Issues Paper contains further detail for each question. You should read the Issues Paper alongside the questions.]

1. If you or someone close to you has had personal experience of surrogacy, please describe:

* What parts of your experience were positive?
* What parts of your experience were negative?
* What could be improved and how?

1. What reform principles should guide this Inquiry?
2. What do you think are the key human rights issues raised by domestic and/or international surrogacy arrangements and how should these be addressed?
3. What information about the circumstances of their birth do you think children born through surrogacy should have access to? How should this be provided / facilitated?
4. What do you think are the main barriers that prevent people from entering into surrogacy arrangements in Australia, and how could these be overcome?
5. Should there be eligibility criteria for surrogacy? If so, what should those requirements be?
6. Are there any current requirements which should be changed or removed?
7. Are there any requirements for a valid surrogacy agreement you think should be added, removed or changed?
8. Should surrogacy agreements be enforceable?
9. What process requirements should be in place for surrogacy arrangements?
10. What are the gaps in professional services for surrogacy in Australia?
11. What is the best way for professional services for surrogacy to operate?
12. How should surrogacy advertising be regulated?
13. What entitlements, if any, should be available to surrogates and intended parents?
14. How could the process for reimbursing surrogates for reasonable expenses be improved?
15. Do you support a) *compensated* surrogacy and/or b) ‘*commercial*’ surrogacy? You might want to consider whether you agree with how we have described compensated and ‘commercial’ surrogacy?
16. If Australia was to allow for compensated or ‘commercial’ surrogacy, how could this be implemented?
17. What are the main problems with the requirements and processes for obtaining legal parentage for a child born through domestic and/or international surrogacy?
18. How could the process for intended parents to become the legal parents of children born through surrogacy be improved?
19. What, if any, are the main problems with obtaining the following documents for a child born through international surrogacy:
20. Australian citizenship;
21. an Australian passport; or
22. an Australian visa.
23. How could the process for obtaining these documents be improved?
24. What is the best way to approach differences in surrogacy regulation between or within jurisdictions?
25. Is it appropriate for surrogacy arrangements to be subject to oversight? If so, what is the best approach?
26. Should the law have a role in discouraging or prohibiting certain forms of surrogacy?
27. Do you think there is a need to improve awareness and understanding of surrogacy laws, policies, and practices?
28. Do you have any views about the issues we consider to be in or out of scope?
29. Are there any important issues with regulating surrogacy that we have not identified in the Issues Paper? Do you have any other ideas for reforming how surrogacy is regulated?

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours Faithfully,

[Full Name]