

Hi,

I read the article in the West Australian about this review and unfortunately could not attend. Anyway I would like to relate our story.

We have two healthy children both through IVF. The first one was born in 2007 through egg donation. The second one was born in 2012 through egg donation and surrogacy. Our IVF was carried out here in Australia, but mostly in the USA. All in all our IVF program and surrogacy cost about \$400,000. There is no exaggeration here.

Whilst medical procedures in Australia may be up to date, the law is ridiculous. Our US egg donors wanted to donate eggs and our surrogate was a living Saint who wanted to help.

The barriers in bringing our second child home from the USA were large and very stressful. Once we had our baby, we spent three weeks waiting simply for a birth certificate and then our son had no medical insurance on arrival in Australia. I think surrogacy is illegal in a couple of Australian States with jail time penalties.

I will try and phone you this week otherwise you can phone me on [REDACTED]

Thank you so much
Very Best Regards
David and Lidia J

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