

Review of the Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Act 2008 (Surrogacy Implications)

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Date 14/03/18

Subject: Surrogacy Implications

Dear Sonia Allan

I am taking this opportunity to comment on the possibility of proposed changes to the WA Surrogacy Act 2008, recently a letter I sent to The West Australian (copy enclosed) on the subject of Surrogacy Implications was published.

I am a concerned as to the impact on a child's psychology when experts and politicians try to change the abnormal to normality.

Other countries and states that allow children to be born (on order) for same sex couples does not make it right, there is no logical reason for it to happen, not even It's Good for the Economy.

Logically, as we know, same sex couples cannot produce children, this has protected children since the beginning of the human race, however, in this age of me, me, me and arrogance, the rights of children are being ignored, I would like to remind experts and politicians that you have a Duty of Care towards the most vulnerable in our society, children.

I have witnessed the following recently.

In the International Express newspaper last year, was a report on a female couple in England who were married and had a child through surrogacy, the couple separated and neither of them wanted the child as it did not fit in with their future plans.

A female couple had baby boy by IVF, the baby who is now 3 years old gravitates towards any male in close reach and gets upset when taken away.

Two baby boys who were born in a traditional mother and father environment, had to endure the breakup of that environment, at the ages of 3 and 5 years of age. The mother went into a same sex relationship with the two boys. The boys were denied any contact with their father, they are now married and their wives are of great support as they adjust to a male/female environment, at the ages of 31 and 33 they have started a contact with their father.

They both struggle with their past, being brought up in a same sex environment has had a lasting impact on them, the youngest is seriously considering getting help to put his life on a better level.

I realise the two boys story was not the fault of any interference from the outside, I included it to demonstrate the impact of what can happen when children are placed into a same sex environment.

While listening to the radio recently, a woman had phoned in to tell of her concern about a young male child of a same sex female couple at a BBQ gathering. He had been playing with other children, some mothers and fathers were also joining in the games. The boy kept returning to his mums and asking for a daddy, they then left the BBQ.

In closing I know it would very easy to say yes, and grant same sex couples the legal right to have children through surrogacy, therefore, opening the door to possible compensation claims of the contemporary equivalent of abused children.

I implore all involved with this idea of granting same sex couples the legal right to have children through surrogacy in WA. Please remember you are considering ignoring a child's right to have mother and father and also they will have no say in the matter, this could be classed as another form of bullying.

For the sake of the children and WA remember your duty of care, be strong and say no.

Yours Sincerely

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Letters To The Editor
WA Newspapers
Osborne Park
Western Australia

Date 15/01/2018

Subject: Gay Parent Go-Ahead. The Weekend West, January 13-14 2018.

Dear Editor

I would like to take this opportunity to present to you a letter titled, Surrogacy implications, for your consideration to publish.

Surrogacy implications

The Weekend West reported that gay couples might soon be able to have children through surrogacy (News, 13-14 /1). The State Government believes laws in the area require a shake-up.

It will be a brave Government that will enact a law that denies the rights of children, having them born on order for placement in a gay marriage. The child will have no say in the matter.
Yet it is acknowledged that a child fares better in life with a female mother and a male father.

I believe the Government will be creating further problems of discrimination within the community because these children will not be allowed a normal family setting.
They could also encounter psychological problems in addition to those involved in the process of growing up.

In future, will the Government face compensation claims by those children for having been placed in the position of the contemporary equivalent of abused children.

Yours Sincerely

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