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**Standing Committee on Law and Justice
Inquiry into legislation on altruistic surrogacy in NSW**

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Questions asked of Mr Raymond Campbell, Director, Queensland Bioethics Centre

Criteria to meet before entering into an altruistic surrogacy.

If the Government was to regulate "altruistic" surrogacy it should be limited to gestational surrogacy only, i.e. where the intending parents are the genetic parents of the child. The birth mother should already have had at least one child and be 30 years or older.

Legal rights and responsibilities.

Surrogacy agreements should remain unenforceable. Therefore the birth parents are responsible for the child until such time as the intending parents are granted custody of the child. When that happens the intending parents assume responsibility the same as adopting parents.

Legal parentage

The intending parents should be recognised as legal parents of the child only by a process of adoption.

Rights of child to access genetic information

All people have a right to know, as far as possible, their genetic parentage. The Government should ensure that mechanisms are in place to enable children born through surrogacy to access this information at an appropriate age. The information should be recorded on a full birth certificate.

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