

## Legislation Committee

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**To:** Legislation Committee  
**Subject:** Submission to Inquiry into Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018

Dear members of the Standing Committee on Legislation,

We are writing to address your inquiry into Human Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, which we understand will amend the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 and the Surrogacy Act 2008 to enable male same sex couples and single men to access surrogacy.

We are opposed to this Bill because we want to see laws upheld which reflect God's ordinances, including God's design for a family unit, where children are conceived/adopted, raised and nurtured by a married father and mother.

We believe that laws should be **opposed** which undermine this design.

We think that this Bill will result in injustice to the children, who will deliberately be removed from their natural (birth) mothers to be placed in motherless homes, and possibly to the surrogate mothers as well as they are in danger of being exploited.

The debate however is currently **not** conducted from the perspective of children but framed entirely from the perspective of adults...

Surrogacy continues the process of fracturing families, and creates ongoing ethical issues. It will damage the children as they are in danger of becoming a commodity and as such may grow up into confused and/or unhappy teenagers, or even adults.

Children are no longer seen and accepted as a blessing on the union of one man and one woman in marriage as instituted by God, but are desired by two same sex individuals for their own selfish reasons without the consent of the child.

Research shows that children do best in intact biological families. As you inquire into this Bill we pray that you may do so for the wellbeing of innocent children who have no voice rather than listening to persuasive lobby groups.

May God give you much wisdom for your task

Yours Faithfully,

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