

C&A Richards



13th March 2018

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this submission to express our desperation for changes to the current surrogacy laws.

Our story starts with me (Alarna) being born in Australia with a rare blood condition. Now married to another Australian (Christopher), the next step for us is to explore the possibility of having children. Medical Professionals have said that having children would be a health risk to me and have strongly recommended against it at all. We have now looked to start out a journey for surrogacy but have found the following:

- There is very limited information about Surrogacy in Australia/ WA
- Medical Professional don't have a lot of knowledge on the subject
- The costs are very high and a very long wait time to do the whole process
- There is very limited support and networking for surrogacy
- There are alot of so called hoops we need to jump through to make any progress with the surrogacy process

As you can imagine this has found us very confused and daunted by the whole process. We believe that the Surrogacy Act should be reviewed as it will assist us with our surrogacy process. As any loving family wants, we believe that we deserve the opportunity to raise a healthy child.

Many Thanks,

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Alarna Richards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christopher Richards".

Christopher Richards