

To whom it may concern.

My name is Jessica Steele, I am writing this submission to ask for surrogacy laws to be changed in W.A.

I come from a big family with 5 siblings, as the eldest I feel they look up to me in some ways. I am now 26, my fiancé proposed to me last year and of course I said yes but it also pained me that both my gay brothers could not get married, I told them that I would not wed until they were legally able to, since then the laws have changed, I cannot wait to see my brothers walk down the aisle. I am now at the stage of my life that having children are in the near future, when that day comes I should be over the moon to tell my family, but I feel guilt and sadness, my two brothers do not have this opportunity to create a family because of the current surrogacy laws. One of my brothers is in a long term relationship and has built a house with his partner and they have to look at options in Canada and America and because of the costs, then forgo their dream house just to have a child that they so desperately want. Going over the legalities and costs with my brother and his partner is mind blowing, how can an amazing couple like this be denied the right to start a family in their own country. I am asking - no begging you to please change the outdated surrogacy laws. For my brothers and myself to have children together would mean the absolute world to us. Thankyou.

Jessica Steele

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