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Dear Madam/Sir

Review of the Western Australian Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 and the Surrogacy Act 2008

I refer to this important Review of the *Western Australian Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991* and the *Surrogacy Act 2008*.

Unfortunately I am out of time to provide a detailed submission that addresses the many terms of reference. However, I would just comment that the risks of surrogacy for both women and children cannot be adequately addressed by way of regulation and that a complete ban is appropriate. Like the sale of body parts, surrogacy is inherently exploitative and beset with ethical problems.

I attach a copy of an article on Reproductive Rights by the writer recently published by Precedent magazine, in which I expand on some of the concerns in relation to surrogacy.

On behalf of Feminist Legal Clinic Incorporated, I urge you to resist the commodification of women and children.

I would be happy to expand on this submission if an extension of time is available.

Yours faithfully



Anna Kerr
Principal Solicitor