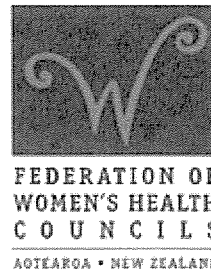


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**Submission: Proposed amendments to Guidelines on Surrogacy Arrangements Involving Providers of Fertility Services and Guidelines on Donation of Eggs or Sperm between Certain Family Members**

**Organisation background:**

*The Federation of Women's Health Councils Aotearoa – New Zealand (FWHC) is a national umbrella organisation of women's health councils, women's health groups, and individual women throughout New Zealand. The Federation has a commitment to providing a powerful voice for women consumers of health and disability services, and to act as a public good advocate in matters that affect their well-being interests and those of their family/whanau. FWHC has a long-standing interest in ethical and social issues around the use of assisted reproductive technologies.*

- FWHC endorses the proposed changes in their entirety. We strongly endorse the view that surrogacy should be used only where there is a medically indicated need, and not for convenience.

We also wish to thank ACART for a high quality discussion document.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the proposal and offer our comments.