

# Submission form

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Please provide your contact details below.

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If this submission is made on behalf of an organisation, please name the organisation:	
Please provide a brief description of the organisation if applicable:	
Address/email:	
Interest in this topic (eg, user of fertility services, health professional, member of the public):	My husband and I are expecting a child with the help of a surrogate here in NZ, this is a traditional surrogacy, outside of ACART and Fertility Clinic, and is going fantastically. Our baby is due Mid Nov and our surrogate is very happy.

We will place all submissions on ACART's website, except where we are asked that submissions be withheld in full or part for reasons of confidentiality. We will remove contact information from all submissions.

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We will acknowledge all submissions. A summary of submissions will be sent to those who request a copy. The summary will include the names of everyone who made a submission, except where individuals have asked for personal details to be withheld.

Do you wish to receive a copy of the summary of submissions?

☒ Yes

☐ No

# Questions about the proposed amendments to the guidelines

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## Question 1

Do you agree with ACART's conclusions that:

- the surrogacy guidelines currently discriminate on the basis of sex and sexual orientation, and
- the discrimination is not justified in light of the principles of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

This needs to be brought up to date with today's valuing of everyone's ability to bring a child up in a loving and secure environment no matter what sex you are.

## Question 2

Do you agree with ACART's view that surrogacy should be used only where there is a need, and not for convenience?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

We need to continue to value women who make the sacrifice of being a surrogate for the benefit of others, not exploit their generosity. The need for surrogates will continue to increase as our infertility rate rises (eg. Endometriosis affects 1 in 4 women currently) and we need to help those in need first.

### Question 3

Do you have any other comments on ACART's proposed amendments to the *Guidelines on Surrogacy Arrangements involving Providers of Fertility Services*?

About time, roll on the next changes!!

### Question 4

Do you agree with ACART's proposal that single men and male couples applying to ECART to enter a surrogacy arrangement should also be able to apply to use eggs donated by a family member?

Yes

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

And they should also be allowed to use eggs donated through Fertility Clinics.

### Question 5

Do you agree with ACART's proposal that single women and lesbian couples should be able to apply to ECART to use sperm donated by a family member without needing a medical justification?

Yes

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

And they should also be allowed to use sperm donated through Fertility Clinics.

### Question 6

Do you agree with ACART's view that the use of eggs or sperm donated by a family member should be possible only where intending parents do not have their own eggs or sperm, or if they do, that there is a medical reason for them not to use their own eggs or sperm?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

Surrogacy should not be for convenience, this is exploitation.

### Question 7

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about either the proposed amendments to the guidelines or the associated discussion?