

Submission form

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Yes

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No

Questions about the proposed amendments to the guidelines

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.

We believe that surrogacy is morally repugnant in all circumstances. It deprives the child of a basic human right: to grow & be nurtured in a truly human way ~~is~~ in the hands of the woman who will be his mother after birth. Surrogate pregnancies complicate family relationships, raises issues for the child about his/her genetic origins leading to possible problems of attachment for the ~~social~~ but not genetic parent of the child. In all cases, the interests of the potential child must be paramount. Children are a gift from God. They are neither a right nor a consumer object.

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.

Please see answer (1)

We believe surrogacy is immoral in all circumstances.

Children are a gift from God. They are neither a right nor a consumer product.

Question 3

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

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 ☐ No ☒

Please give reasons for your views.

Children are not a right to be granted
to or not to people whom society deems
suitable.

They are a gift from God.
However, children do have a right to be
born into a loving family with a biological
mother & father. There is so much research
to prove that within this environment,
children have the best outcome. This is the
order of creation, the way God intended
children to be raised, and ~~to~~^{we} interfere
with this at our peril.

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 ☐ No ☒

Please give reasons for your views.

Please see answer (4.)

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.

Please see answer (4).
It complicates family relationships.
The childless couple are still able to adopt children if they so wish.

Question 7

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

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