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☒ Yes ☐ 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

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

For me, the issue of discrimination in the use of surrogacy arrangements on the basis of sex and sexual orientation does not arise. Surrogate motherhood itself is morally repugnant in all circumstances. It deprives the child of a basic human right: to grow and be nurtured in a truly human way i.e. in the womb of the woman who will mother it after birth.

There is no such right as the right to have a child, even if technological advances may make it possible. A child has a right to be conceived and develop in a ~~truly~~ truly human way.

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

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

I support your intention to continue to exclude the use of surrogacy for convenience, and to include in the regulations a specific provision about it.

As I ~~noted~~ said in my reply to Question 1, surrogacy itself is repugnant. But this provision at least limits its use a bit.

However in view of the way that what is legally permissible has, over time, been expanded to accommodate more and more of what is technically possible, I am not expecting the distinction between what is necessary ~~legal~~ and what is convenient to hold up very long.

Question 3

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

Already covered.

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To Whom it may concern

I was interested to read Section 6.2, pages 27ff
in your consultation document on surrogacy
~~services~~ arrangements involving providers of fertility
services etc etc

I ~~not~~ note, from reading the column "Sample
source, sample type & method", that ~~the~~ gay ~~heterosexual~~
fathers seemed to have been, in pretty well every case,
self-selected, or selected through support groups. Are
people thus 'selected' likely to provide an objective
picture of the outcomes of gay parenting? As is said
"They would say that, wouldn't they?" E.g. Barrett
"Tasker 2001" Views of gay fathers on their sons' &
daughters' experiences - they reported themselves as
a variety of parenting challenges, -