



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

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MEDIA RELEASE

Inquiry into the Parentage (Surrogacy) Amendment Bill 2023.

The Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety has announced it will be undertaking an inquiry into the Parentage (Surrogacy) Amendment Bill 2023.

The terms of reference are available on the Committee website [here](#).

The Parentage (Surrogacy) Amendment Bill 2023 proposes to make several changes to surrogacy arrangements in the ACT. These include updating eligibility criteria for altruistic surrogacy and developing a framework for surrogacy agreements and parentage order applications. The bill, alongside its explanatory statement and human rights compatibility statement, is available to read on the [ACT Legislation Register](#).

The Committee would like to hear from a range of stakeholders and welcomes submissions to this inquiry by Wednesday 29 November 2023.

Information on [how to make a submission](#) is available on the Assembly website.

Support for anyone affected by the issues raised in this inquiry is available from:

- Lifeline, phone 131114, website www.lifeline.org.au

Submissions close **29 November 2023**.

10 November 2023

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