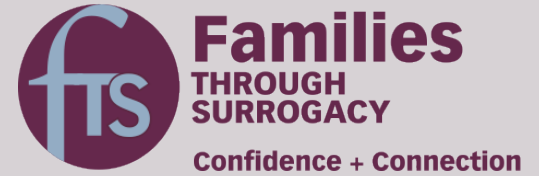


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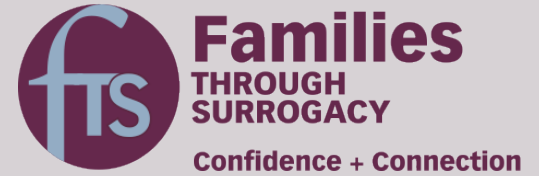
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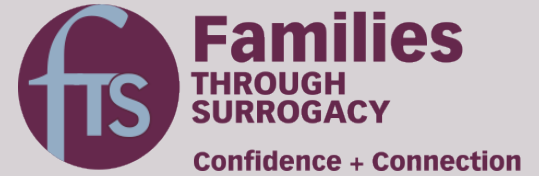
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# Surrogacy Options for Australian Seminar

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# Overview



- The options are changing rapidly.
- Thailand has introduced laws banning foreigners
- India, Nepal & Mexico are reviewing their surrogacy laws currently.
- Many embryos remain stranded or are being shipped to new markets.
- Markets without comprehensive surrogacy laws (Greece, Cambodia & Kenya) now attracting clients

# Status of Surrogacy By Country



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Country	Legal Status	Eligibility
US	legal protection in some states	
Canada	legal protection in some provinces	
Ukraine	legal protection	heterosexual only
Georgia	legal protection	heterosexual only
Greece	legal protection	heterosexual only
Russia	Some legal protection	heterosexual only
South Africa	legal protection	Must be resident
UK	Legally sanctioned but contracts not enforceable	Must be resident for 2+ yrs
Australia	Legally sanctioned but contracts not enforceable	Must be resident
Israel	legal protection	Must be resident, heterosexual only
Mexico	No legal protection	
Cambodia	No legal protection	
Poland	No legal protection	
Kenya	No legal protection	
Cyprus	No legal protection	
India	Closed to foreigners in 2015	
Thailand	Closed to foreigners in 2014	
Nepal	Closed in 2015	

# Surrogacy in Mexico

- Surrogacy now unavailable to foreigners in Tabasco state
- Other Mexican states have no surrogacy laws
- So some agencies are simply moving their programs to these states (mostly Cancun & Mexico City)
- A major operator, CEFAM now offers a Mexico/US hybrid program
  - legal and birth in US, all else in Mexico City
- surrogate's name must be entered on the birth certificate



# Surrogacy In Nepal

- Australians with existing pregnancies are now exiting without significant delays
- No legislation in place
- Nepalese Supreme Court stay on all new arrangements expires in March 2016
- Nepal govt may introduce new regulations/laws allowing Nepalese women to carry for foreigners as early as March





# Surrogacy In Cambodia

- 4 IVF clinics staffed by foreign doctors
  - Fertility Clinic of Cambodia Dr Sean Sokteang
  - Alfred Clinic Dr Surachai
  - Angkor Clinic Dr Thitikorn (Siem Reap)
  - New life Clinic
- No legislation, but Cambodia is soon to introduce laws banning use of local surrogates
- Instead surrogates being sourced from Thailand, Laos, India & Vietnam

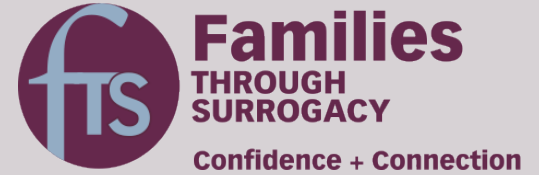


# Surrogacy In Cambodia

- For gay couples, contract is with a single man
- First births to US & Chinese citizens have occurred
- custody of child awarded with consent of surrogate
- DNA test will assess paternity for citizenship



# Commonwealth Surrogacy Inquiry



- Purpose: to identify problems with arrangements by Australians both overseas and at home and how they can be addressed
- submission deadline extended until 25<sup>th</sup> February
- a number are anti-surrogacy
- We need to have the surrogacy community well represented
- Hearings in Canberra
- Report due 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- More info

[http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/House/Social\\_Policy\\_and\\_Legal\\_Affairs/Inquiry\\_into\\_surrogacy](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Social_Policy_and_Legal_Affairs/Inquiry_into_surrogacy)