

Legislative Council

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STATUTES AMENDMENT (SURROGACY) BILL

Adjourned debate on second reading.
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The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (16:53): I rise to support this surrogacy bill, because I know of many childless couples, some of whom have been in my immediate family, who have accessed IVF, and a couple of members of my family in Queensland have undergone surrogacy in order to be able to have children. I think that South Australia is lagging behind in this area. Bringing some relief to childless couples is a responsibility we have as legislators. I know it is not a God-given right that every couple have children but when couples who would provide good, healthy homes for children long for that experience, then I believe we should take whatever steps we can to ensure that occurs. I thank the chamber for allowing me the opportunity to speak on this matter.