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Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Families Welcomed

The Queensland Association for Healthy Communities welcomes proposals made by the Queensland Government to allow altruistic surrogacy for same-sex couples and to introduce 'presumption of parenthood' for same-sex couples where a child has been conceived through artificial insemination or IVF.

"We congratulate the Government on bringing Queensland laws up to date with the rest of Australia" said Paul Martin, General Manager.

"These changes, if implemented, will bring legal certainty to children of same-sex couples, allowing access to a share of a person's estate or superannuation upon the death of a parent and providing both parents with the power to consent to medical treatment of the child."

"While we welcome these proposals, we call on the Government to introduce a comprehensive package of reforms, including civil partnerships and adoption for same-sex couples."

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