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Surrogacy inquiry to consider human rights

The Australian Human Rights Commission will appear at a public hearing before the Social Policy and Legal Affairs committee on **Thursday 17 March** as part of the Inquiry into Surrogacy.

The hearing will focus on the human rights issues raised largely in the context of offshore commercial surrogacy. In particular the risk of exploitation of surrogate mothers though the practice of surrogacy in countries with limited regulatory frameworks and the rights of children born overseas through often unenforceable surrogacy arrangements will be discussed.

The hearing will be held on **Thursday 17 March**, from **9.30am to 10.10am in Committee Room 1R3**, **Parliament House**, **Canberra**. A live audio stream of the hearing will be available on the Parliament House website at this link.

Further information on the inquiry, including the full terms of reference, is available on the Committee website at www.aph.gov.au/spla.

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