

SUBMISSION

Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

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This Submission is in **SUPPORT** of Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

It is shocking that our taxpayer's dollars are being used to reimburse women for destroying their child through abortion, merely because that child was not of the "required" gender. It is not a crime to be created male, and it is not a crime to be created female.

Senator Madigan stated in his speech introducing the bill, "Children are no longer a unique gift in themselves but are increasingly expected to conform to designer standards" and we totally agree with his statement. Children have a right to be seen for their intrinsic value they are created with, and not merely because they come with one set of genitalia or the other. It is morally and ethically wrong to value a child more highly due to this, and even more objectionable that a rebate is paid to the aborting mother to facilitate her to undertake this gender-selecting 'procedure'.

Historical evidence shows us what happens when countries play around with gendercide – China has seen an overwhelming number of female babies killed prior to birth via abortion, or after birth by various unsavoury methods.

Currently there are approximately well over **10 million** more males than females in China with a frightening prediction of as many as **35 million** more males than females as at the year of 2020 (<http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/chinas-staggering-male-female-ratio-worsens>).

What this speaks over the future of that nation and how it will impact the world is yet to be seen, but the cracks are beginning to show with reports of girls being stolen and locked up as enforced prostitutes (<http://factsanddetails.com/china.php?itemid=1157>) and it would be extreme naivety to think, over time, the same wouldn't happen here in Australia.

With more ethnic groups coming to Australia, it would be quite within the realms of reality to find their cultural conditioning of a predilection for male children does not get left in the "homeland" but finds its way into their newfound country of residence, in this instance, Australia.

Tragically, this gender-driven thought pattern and 'follow-through' are not just entering our Australian society from those not born here, but is also finding its way into the mentality of those who are born here. One instance of gender selection that was highlighted in the media in 2011, recorded the death by abortion of two perfectly healthy male babies because the mother wanted a baby girl! The article was reported in a number of media - <http://www.news.com.au/national-news/desperate-couple-abort-twin-boys-in-desperate-bid-for-ivf-girl/story-e6frfkvr-1225983907853> and <http://www.mamamia.com.au/parenting/they-aborted-their-ivf-twin-boys-because-they-wanted-a-girl/> to name just two.

Australian society seems to be buying into the ideology of countries that do not value a **human being** for **being human**, but for the idea of whether that child fits our "family balancing". This is a path we do not want Australia to go down and a step in the direction of a deterrent is to ensure **no Medicare rebate is paid for any abortions done on the basis of gender**.