
Dear Sir or Madam,

Victorian DLP Senator John Madigan last month introduced a bill which would remove Medicare funding for such sex-selection abortions.

I do not believe our taxes should go to killing unborn babies simply because he or she is not the preferred gender.

Medicare funding should only go to genuine medical issues. Aborting a child because you are not happy with the gender is not a real medical issue. It is instead a lifestyle choice, and tax dollars should not go to such a case.

Where such practices exist, almost overwhelmingly, sex-selection abortions are done on females, not males. In *The New Atlantis*, American demographics expert Nicholas Eberstadt says "The practice has become so ruthlessly routine in many contemporary societies that it has impacted their very population structures, warping the balance between male and female births and consequently skewing the sex ratios for the rising generation toward a biologically unnatural excess of males. This still-growing international predilection for sex-selective abortion is by now evident in the demographic contours of dozens of countries around the globe — and it is sufficiently severe that it has come to alter the overall sex ratio at birth of the entire planet, resulting in millions upon millions of new "missing baby girls" each year. In terms of its sheer toll in human numbers, sex-selective abortion has assumed a scale tantamount to a global war against baby girls'."

This is treating children as a mere commodity, and it has no place in a civilised society.

Yours sincerely,
DR Roberts.