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Dear Sirs,

Please find below my submission to the Senate Committee on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

It is very important for the future of Australia that this Bill is debated and ultimately passed, and I trust the committee will give it its full support.

Abortion is the greatest issue facing Australia, which takes the lives of 100,000 of our babies every year. It is currently unknown how many of these lives are lost because the babies are of the "wrong" gender, but if evidence from other Western nations is considered then the number could be very considerable indeed.

In the United States, for instance, it has been reported that gender selection abortions are extremely widespread, particularly within certain immigrant populations. In one study 89% of women carrying girls, killed the baby by abortion (<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/284988/sex-selective-abortion-comes-home-steven-w-mosher/>). I can see no reason why there would be a significant difference between these immigrants in America and immigrants from the same area in Australia.

Please give the committee's full support to this Bill.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Matthew Grinter