

Senate Finance & Public Administration Committee,
P.O. Box 6100,
Parliament House,
Canberra,
ACT 2600.

Submission to Senate Committee re: The Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion).

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to earnestly request that you allow this bill passage.

What false values we have when on one hand we taxpayers finance women for IVF to enable them to become pregnant and on the other we finance many to abort and now Sen. Madigan wants, rightly, to put a stop to gender selected abortion being funded by us taxpayers as well. What if the babies were paid for by taxpayers due to IVF funding and when found to be the undesired sex, aborted, also paid for by taxpayers - totally ironic!

We have seen the situation in China and India escalate to ridiculous gender imbalance levels with so few woman to males now in these countries. Just a few years ago we, as a nation, thought these countries heartless to abort for sex sake - now as taxpayers we are paying for the same. Have we not been fighting for gender equality for centuries? To fund these abortions is denying all the advances we have made. Already there may be situations where the mother wants to keep the baby and the father demands abortion because it is not the sex he wants...what horrific pressure we could be allowing for these women?

Surely not to validate this bill would be a step back into history - not a step forward to the value and acceptance of all.

Please give support this Bill.

Yours faithfully,