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**The Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration  
Legislation Committee**

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

**Medicare funding should not be permitted for induced and intentional abortion or termination of pregnancies where the intent of the termination is to select out an unborn child of an undesired sex.**

**Medicare funding should be reserved for medical procedures. Aborting a baby because it is of a gender which is unwanted by parents is not a medical procedure and therefore should not attract tax payer funding. Also giving government funding for such procedures would be seen to be both approving and promoting such procedures.**

**The natural balance of gender in our society is in real danger of being affected which would have serious consequences for generations to come. These effects are already evident in other countries, for example in China and India. In China, revealing the gender of an unborn baby in an ultrasound is now illegal.**

**Australians today and tomorrow deserve better**

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