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The Chair, Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee inquiry into Health Insurance (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013..

Sir

As I understand it, Medicare is a government initiative to promote health in the community by subsidising medical services. These services seem to me to aim to help citizens return to a level of health, after illness or accident, which will enable them to return to work or engage in other accepted social activities.

I believe it is gross misuse of public funds to subsidise a procedure which which does not provide any health benefits to any party involved.

I support the bill which will not permit Medicare benefits to be used to carry out an abortion for gender selection or 'family balancing reasons'.

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