

Dear Members of the Senate Committee,

I am writing to you to express my deep disappointment in discovering that Medi-care funded sex-selective abortions occur in this country. I appeal to each one of you to prevent not only the atrocity of this government-funded discrimination, but also to prevent the occurrence of such hypocrisy in our health care system.

While one attempts to understand the 'practical' reasoning behind the occurrence of sex-selective abortions, one can in no way condone them. Sex-selective abortion is pure discrimination in its most subtle and devious, in the hands of parents who cannot see the implications on society that result from those choices they make in order to satisfy their own desires.

The protection of life must also be the primary focus and aim of any health care system. Sex-selective abortion goes against the direct purpose of health care. If Medi-care funding of sex-selective abortion exists, the Australian government is directly funding this discrimination and its inevitable erosion on the integrity of our society.

Further, our government has the responsibility of protecting the vulnerable of our society, most especially the right to life as referred to in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. It is in the government's interests to do so. If our Australian government cannot stand strong on the most basic right of human life, then its foundations are feeble and its authority to act for the Australian people, weak.

Committee members, please see that our government can on no moral grounds fund the discrimination and hypocrisy of sex-selective abortion within our health care system. Please do your job and help ensure taxpayers limited funding goes towards actual medical procedures, involving the legitimately sick and ill.

Yours sincerely,

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