

To the Senate Committee

RE: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

It seems incredible to me that our parents and grandparents fought so hard to establish a country based on equality, yet here we are producing and tweaking laws that support inequality.

Babies are precious despite the gender. They are not a commodity. Each baby should be seen as special in it's own right, with the potential to contribute to our country in the future, if it is given equal opportunities in life.

There are many ethnic groups that favour male gender and I believe that if we fund gender selection abortion, we indirectly support this attitude.

Medicare was set-up to ensure all Australians have access to health care.

The long waiting lists in public hospitals, has made it less accessible for many people.

This area should be funded more efficiently rather than catering to a service of convenience and "luxury".

Medicare must not provide incentives for encouraging and developing this practice.

Abortions create great conflict within the health and medical profession. This will increase that conflict.

There will contribute to huge conflicts within families.