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I wish to make a few points in support of the Bill proposed by Senator Madigan.

First of all I believe Medicare rebates should only be for medical procedures or appointments that enhance life. Abortion does not do this.

I am sure the Australian public would be horrified if they knew their taxes were used to pay refunds for sex selective abortions.

The problem of sex selective abortions may not be as great in Australia as in India or China but there have been one or two instances of this happening. There was a case in Victoria in 2011 where twin boys were aborted because the parents wanted a girl and I also believe a case of sex selection abortion has been referred to the Medical Board of Australia.

There is a very long list of couples waiting to adopt who would be happy with a child of any sex.

I pray this Bill will get through as it will be the first step in ensuring there is no Medicare rebate for any abortions.

Kind Regards, Anne Marie Smith.