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**This is my submission on Senator Madigan's Bill to remove Medicare funding of gender selection abortions.**

**I believe aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and should therefore not be afforded Medicare benefits. I further believe most Australians would not support their taxes being used for abortions based purely on cultural (some ethnic groups) and/or personal preferences (family balancing).**

**I understand and support the concerns of medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.**

**I believe it is the duty of legislators to ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life and that the law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

**I want the government to reduce the totally unnecessary and very high number of abortions in Australia. By providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions, the government is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act (i.e. abortion).**

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