

26 March 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

I strongly support Senator John Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013, because like most Australians I believe it would be better for the country and women in general if there were less rather than more abortions performed each year.

There is irrefutable evidence that abortion can create a great risk for a woman's mental and physical health, lasting many years after the event. For this reason alone, an abortion should only ever be considered under the direst of circumstances.

Medical and scientific evidence also shows that the child that is aborted is indeed a human being, from viewing ultrasounds and analysing DNA. An unborn child is innocent of any wrong doing, so by performing an abortion a doctor is killing an innocent human being.

Australian laws have taken away the death penalty, partly for fear of killing an innocent person and partly because of the community's abhorrence of unnecessary killing even of a guilty person.

I especially support the above mentioned bill because of S17 (1) (b) "the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus."

I believe that public money should not be used to pay for any abortion because it involves both the killing of an innocent human being and may risk the mental and physical wellbeing of the mother. However, I realise that some women can find themselves in situations that they believe they cannot cope with unless they end their pregnancy, and so understand how they can come to such a momentous decision. This is very regrettable.

However, not wanting to have a child because it is a girl (or a boy as the case may be) does not justify killing her (or him). Medicare funding for these abortions is akin to funding plastic surgery for cosmetic reasons.

Yours truly,

Gerard Madden