I make this submission as I am firmly of the view that medicare funding for abortion procedures where parents are using the procedure to control selection of the sex of their child, should be prohibited.

I am a parent of two children now 24 & 25 years of age and have been a practicing lawyer in NSW for nearly forty years. I am also widely involved in Community Groups and sit on two School Boards.

A child that is conceived where there is not a life threatening or serious healthy issue should be entitled to be born and live a normal life as far as is possible.

Further the public revenue and health funds contributed to by Government and taxpayers should not be burdened by 'gender – selective' practices of parents whose primary motivation is to choose what the sex of their child should be and then abort a foetus that does not accord with their desires.

I trust this submission will be carefully considered with a view to support of Senator Madigan's Bill.

Sincerely, John Comino