

The Secretary,  
The Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee,  
PO Box 6100,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra,  
ACT 2600.

Dear Secretary,

I write to make the following submission to the above-named Committee:

There has been a news report of at least one Australian case of sex-selection abortion for the purpose of 'family-balancing'.

A Victorian couple aborted twin boys as they already had three sons and had lost a daughter shortly after birth.

Their request to use IVF sex-selection to ensure they conceive a girl (which is illegal in Victoria except to avoid the risk of the baby inheriting a genetic abnormality or disease) was rejected by the Patient Review Board and the couple have taken their case to VCAT.

If that is unsuccessful, they have indicated their intention to go to the USA in their quest to conceive a girl – see <http://www.politicsdaily.com/2011/01/08/couple-aborts-twin-boys-because-they-want-a-girl-using-ivf/>.

Many statistically valid surveys have been conducted on the sex-selection-abortion issue and the results clearly show the overwhelming majority of the Australian community (80%+) are not in favour of permitting government support for such a change.

Yours,

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