
Dear Senate Committee Members,

This submission concerns the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Please support this bill which seeks to deny government funding to parents who wish to kill their unborn child because of the sex of that child.

These sex-selection abortions are commonly practised in India and China (http://www.unfpa.org/gender/docs/studies/summaries/regional_analysis.pdf) and there can be no doubt that they are also practised in Australia as well. One such chilling case was reported by the press a couple of years ago: <http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/parents-want-right-to-choose-their-childs-gender/story-e6frf7jo-1225983877669>

Senator Madigan's bill is a step towards ending this practice in Australia. It is unacceptable to the vast majority of Australians that this practice should not only be allowed by the government, but funded by it as well.

Yours faithfully,

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