From: Rev. Stefan Slucki

Friday April 26th, 2013.

To: The Secretary Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir or Madam,

I regret being two days late with this very brief personal submission to this enquiry and trust you will kindly include it in this important enquiry.

1. I believe that to terminate a pregnancy (abort life) is something to be done in as few circumstances as possible! That's my startingpoint.

2. Whilst I have no fundamental objection to amniocentesis, I think it is a wicked thing to snuff out life on the basis of its gender and claim this as due to "mental hardship" being suffered by the mother!

3. I have met several adults whose parents admitted to them they thought of aborting them but did not carry out their thought. I have also met several mothers who were medically advised that their 'foetuses' had significant abnormalities which "advice" proved to be unfounded.

Due to the above 'evidence' admittedly not as forensic as some would wish it, I wholeheartedly support Senator Madigan's proposed legislation and would warmly urge that compassionate and thoughtful counsel be given to all contemplating pregnancy termination and that none based on gender-selection be funded.

Yours sincerely,

Stefan Slucki.