

In countries where gender selection is permitted as grounds for abortion 90% or more of those abortions are females. Gradually a disparity of balance in the genders becomes obvious. Over time the countries end up with a much heavier weighting of males. As time passes this leads to a large number of social problems such as child stealing, the increase of women being trafficked for sex, and a general unhappiness in a generation of young men who are unlikely to find partners so indulge in anti-social behavior.

Australia is a multicultural land with people from many nations living here. If it becomes culturally accepted to prefer male to female children this imbalance will spread from people born in countries that traditionally prefer males, to Australian-born descendents, friends and associates.

If such abortions are funded by Medicare, that places them within the reach of anyone who thinks it may be better to try for a boy next time, instead of encouraging people to genuinely hold the view that only a male child is acceptable.

The United Nations notes the damage to society that gender-based abortions have brought with them and asks nations to provide a disincentive to such abortions.

I believe that as a society, such abortions should be strongly discouraged in the interests of national wellbeing.