
Subject: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill

Dear Members of the Senate Committee

I wish to comment briefly on Senator John Madigan's proposed Bill to refuse Medicare funding for abortions sought on the grounds of sex selection.

The Women's Hospital in Melbourne records lifestyle as reason for the great majority of abortions. Frivolous indeed. But to abort a child because of his or her gender is nothing but eugenics.

IVF records should be made public to show how many abortions are being performed because the parents prefer another gender.

I fully support Snr. Madigan's Bill and shall be watching closely those Victorian Senators who vote on it should it reach debate.

Yours,
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