I am writing to indicate my support for the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013".

I believe Australia should only be funding Medicare benefits for genuine medical issues - and not for lifestyle choices.

Australia has also worked hard throughout history to try and ensure that both genders are valued by society. By allowing such abortions to take place is an implicit agreement by the government that one gender (ie typically males) are more valuable.

Critics may argue that there are already more females than males in Australia as reported by the census - so sex selection abortions are not happening here. However, I believe critics are ignoring the difference in life expediency between the genders.

If reports are true that some ethnic groups are practising this, it should be "nipped in the bud" before it becomes a problem for future generations of Australians.

Thanks, Damian Trebilco