The question of termination of a living pregnancy is an issue that divides society based on many varied values & beliefs. But then the issue of gender choice & terminating based on gender is of greater concern.

We have seen overseas countries go down this pathway & the significant societal ramifications they are now having. To believe we will somehow not make the same errors is naive in my opinion.

In keeping with countries which allow gender association terminations there is a significant discrimination against females which I find perplexing as it is females who championed under "my body my choice" & now the debate is swinging to eroding a greater number of females than males as will be the long term consequence.

From a medical viewpoint I have been involved in assisting many persons & couples who have been given sub-optimum information as to making the decision to terminate a living being in their body & then suffering from the guilt, depression & other ramifications many experience. Now we are even debating or wishing to debate the perceived value of male & female developing unborn humans.

I hold the view that the emotional & societal consequence of this debate will have dramatic consequences in the future & we will ultimately bear the fruit of the tree we decide to plant & nurture. Sadly my medical experience is that we have done a disservice millions of unborn humans world wide & now the trend in western counties who adopt gender driven terminations will be discriminatory to the value we should place as a society on women & their role in bearing & nurturing future inhabitants & their place in society.

David

Dr David Squirrell
Retired Medical Consultant
MB BS Dip Obst RACOG FRACGP FACRRM GCDM GDMSM GDRH Dip Business CEMST Dip Theo

Committee member

- · Friends of Lower Field River
- Blind Citizens Australia (SA Branch)
- Blind Sports SA
- Southern Support Reform Group (SSRG) Onkaparinga Council Consumer representative
- Marion Sport Facilty Master Plan (Disability Rep)