

Mrs. Roslyn Heywood

RE-“Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013”.

As a mother and early childhood educator, I find this amendment unacceptable for the following reasons:

- 1.This is a discriminatory practice as it advocates gender selection. The United Nations agencies are endeavouring to end discriminatory practices. Even our school curriculums embrace inclusivity , gender equity and the right of the child to choose. Surely the right of the unborn child to choose life needs to be protected.
2. At international levels, leading medical bodies and research is available which counters and expresses concern at this practice.
3. The lack of consultation with the medical fraternity is of great concern.
4. The cost of counselling traumatised mothers and fathers as they deal with their losses in future years-maybe 20/30 years later.
5. Children are our future and both girls and boys need to feel safe, secure and wanted from conception. In a society where adults have the right to terminate a life, this hardly provides a secure environment for the youngest members of our society to grow into healthy and vibrant members of the community. What message will this unacceptable practice send to the children who are the selected ‘chosens’? We are trying to provide a solution that does not solve the actual problem.

The critically reflective question as to why this question has been given an ear at governmental level must be asked? Are we not happy with our own sexuality? Is there a history of abuse? Why such an abhorrent desire for deliberate discrimination.

This amendment is totally unacceptable in twenty first century multi-ethnic Australia.

Sincerely,

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