

- 1. The unacceptability to Australians of the use of Medicare funding for the purpose of gender selection abortions;
I believe that I, as a Christian leader in Australia, East Africa and Asia, represent a large portion of the Australian community in opposing the use of Medicare funding for any abortion that is not to save the life of the mother or child.**
- 2. The prevalence of gender selection - with preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and the recourse to Medicare funded abortions to terminate female children;
I have read the research of a trusted colleague who lectures on the social implications of gender selection, and the consequences are frightening.**
- 3. The use of Medicare funded gender-selection abortions for the purpose of 'family-balancing';
Surely this is interfering with the processes of Nature, which reflects the creative role of God.**
- 4. Support for campaigns by United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions';
Australia should allocate funds for this U.N. initiative.**
- 5. Concern from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.
The submission of the AMA seems to fly in the face of similar associations overseas.**

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