
April 23, 2013

Re: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion)
Bill 2013

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important matter.

I write in support of the above Bill. I oppose the medicare funding of abortion for sex selection purposes completely.

In Australia we rightly consider every member of society as equal, with equal dignity and rights. Allowing abortion for reasons such as a child's sex only encourages, indeed leads logically to, discrimination against all Australians on the basis of sex. In practice, if gendercide is allowable, then any lesser offense against women is allowable. If the right to life can be taken away because of gender, so can any other right.

In other countries, abortion of girls is leading to a gender imbalance among the population. This is seen especially in China and India. The shortage of women in society is not leading to their being respected more, but conversely to more abuse, because they are seen more as a commodity. We do not want Australia to follow this path to demographic and social chaos.

Doctors are being asked to abort unborn girls in Australia already, and so it is important that our rejection of this ultimate sexism be enshrined in legislation before the practice is imported from other places and becomes a custom.

It is a waste of taxpayer money to support gender based abortion, but more than that, it is repulsive to involve all Australian taxpayers in this horrible practice of aborting sisters, future mothers, women leaders, women Australians, just because they are women.

Yours sincerely,

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