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## Submission from the Dads4Kids Fatherhood Foundation

To the Senate Committee for Inquiry and Report on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

Dads4Kids Fatherhood Foundation strongly supports the proposed Bill. Medicare funding should not be allowed when “the termination is carried out solely because of the gender of the foetus” (Section 17A (1) (b)). Dads4Kids Fatherhood Foundation is a Harm Prevention Charity.

Dads4Kids Fatherhood Foundation is committed to a long term strategy of reducing harmful and abusive behaviours by educating, equipping, engaging and mentoring men as fathers and promoting the concept of excellence in fathering within the broader Australian community. Termination carried out solely on the basis of gender is a harmful behaviour and should not receive Medicare funding.

Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit.

Medicare benefits should not be supporting the elimination of girl babies. The United Nations [estimates that as many as 200 million girls](#) are missing in the world today. Australia should abhor this practice and introduce laws to ensure that it does not happen in Australia.

Every child, whether male or female, should have the chance to live. Gender Selective Abortion or ‘family balancing’ is known to take place in Australia, as disclosed informally by doctors, but is a detestable practice. It should not be supported by taxpayer funding. Terminating unborn boys or girls depletes our society of potential fathers and mothers, leaders, doctors, teachers, parliamentarians, trades people and the list goes on. No child should be discriminated against because of its sex and no government should condone or support terminations on the basis of gender.

The Australian Government would do well to support the United Nations in its mission against the horrific practice of aborting babies (mainly girls) on the basis of gender. Our government could do this by refusing Medicare funding of Gender Selective abortion

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