

**"Health Insurance
Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013".**

Gendercide is a term that I have just learned about. I am a language expert, but the term is new to me. I've been reliably informed that It is a form of murderous bigotry, directed against females. It promotes gender-selected abortion.

Research shows that, thanks to gendercide, untold numbers of females are being aborted around the globe, allegedly for 'cultural' or 'family balance' reasons. These 'reasons' are woefully inadequate rationalisations that dramatise a dehumanising attitude towards babies, children, family life, and cultural health.

According to a United Nations estimate, 200,000 females are 'missing' in the world today. Gendercide is widely understood to be one of the major causes of 'missing' girls.

Aborting a child because of its gender is not a morally legitimate medical procedure. The process is repulsive on humane grounds. Yet Australian doctors tell people informally that there are now groups in Australia that favour it.

One way that Australia can oppose gendercide is to refuse to support Medicare benefits for gender-selected abortion. I am writing to urge you to do this: i.e. to refuse to support Medicare benefits for this appalling practice.

Thank you.

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