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We strongly support the Health Insurance (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion)

Amendment Bill 2013. It is untenable that taxpayers fund the killing of certain babies on the basis of gender.

Any such funding is not the hallmark of a humane and compassionate society. There must be limits to self-interested choice at the expense of the innocent.

This is also a societal issue. Gender engineering is already having serious social consequences for the populations of China and India.

Government sanctioned abortion funding on the basis of gender will not only make it more accessible but give official approval to discriminate on the basis of sex for the most vulnerable potential members of our society. This practise would pit it against other Australian legislation that protects the inalienable human right against discrimination on the basis of gender.

Although we are not associated with pro-life groups, we believe we stand with the majority of Australian taxpayers who do not in good conscience wish to fund abortions on the basis of gender.

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