

I support the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013" as I think it is awful for people to abort on the basis of gender - gendercide, and certainly should not be funded by Medicare!

It might seem like a reasonable thing to do for "family balancing" but this is just crazy! There is a fairly even mix of males and females if we leave it up to nature, and messing with that, even a bit, will throw it all out of balance. This can already be seen in countries where it is preferable to have sons (China, India) which incidentally equates to discrimination against girls and women, and violates their human rights. Children are a blessing, a gift - not everyone is able to have children - and every child should be welcomed and loved no matter their gender.

Medicare benefits are for medical procedures that are necessary, abortion based on the child's gender does NOT fit. If you don't want that boy or girl, then adoption should be the option taken, not abortion. There are many people prepared to love that unwanted child.

Please, don't squander Medicare funding, it is needed for real health problems.