
To the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,

I am writing to express my opinion about the following five issues which I believe the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee is currently calling for submissions for, to do with Senator John Madigan's **"Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013"**.

The particular issues I would like you to consider by feelings toward are:

1. The unacceptability to Australians of the use of Medicare funding for the purpose of gender selection abortions;
2. The prevalence of gender selection - with preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and the recourse to Medicare funded abortions to terminate female children;
3. The use of Medicare funded gender-selection abortions for the purpose of 'family-balancing';
4. Support for campaigns by United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions';
5. Concern from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.

It is my belief that the use of abortion as a convenience in Australia is already wrong and well out of hand. To further this in any shape of form, **ESPECIALLY AT MY EXPENSE**, is an absolute outrage.

I beg our current politicians to look at this issue with grave reservation and to sincerely consider adhering to the United Nations call to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection abortions. I implore them to look thoroughly at the concerns from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion. And then, to do the right thing by **STOPPING IT** before it begins here in Australia.

Sincerely,

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