

**I support the Health Insurance Amendment
(Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013**

A recent Galaxy poll in Tasmania 9 February 2013 showed that 92% of people opposed gender selected abortion. The United Nations condemned gender selected abortion in a 2011 report as 'gender discrimination against girls and women and a violation of their human rights.' Even so, doctors have disclosed informally that gender selection abortions are occurring - with a preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and as a result Medicare funding is being used to terminate the life of female children.

Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a required medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit. Aborting a child for "family balancing" reasons is repulsive and tax-payer funded Medicare money should not be spent on the killing of the unborn child.

Medicare benefits should be used for needed health procedures, not for eliminating babies because of their gender due to cultural or personal preferences.

Stop Medicare funding of gendercide².

Sincerely,

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