
Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees

Submission in Support of Senator John Madigan's The Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill

I make the following submission in favour of this bill:

1. Medicare funding ought to be available for health procedures only and not extended to aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender.
2. Medicare funding should not be allowed for funding elective procedures that are purely cultural or personal preferences.
3. In these times when Australians are expecting their governments to responsibly rein in rampart expenditure, it is unacceptable to be expanding Medicare funding for the purpose of gender selection abortions.
4. The Australian Government should be supporting campaigns by United Nations agencies to terminate the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions.
5. The Australian Government should be working and seen to be working in harmony with medical associations in first world countries concerned about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz Canada, USA and the UK.
6. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child should be respected and that includes the unborn in their vulnerable state.
7. The Bible (Jeremiah 1:5) shows that God regards the unborn as a human life that should not be wantonly destroyed and therefore governments should be, at least, acting to reduce the number abortions and not promoting their increase.

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