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In regard to the proposed Bill, I strongly urge the Government not to go down this path and write to express my concerns.

*It is not appropriate for Medicare benefits to be applied to 'gender culling' procedures (for whatever reason), when these should be directed to much needed other health procedures*

*Taxpayers' money should not be directed to abortions for 'family balancing' and every child has a right to life, regardless of its sex*

*You only have to look at countries that have been carrying out gender selected abortions (such as India and China) to see the imbalance in population because of a shortage of girls and this should be taken into account when considering the proposed legislation.*

*Serious social consequences can result with women being treated as 'objects' and devalued as human beings - the outcome of which could include child abandonment, child abduction, sex trafficking, gender violence*

Thank you for considering this submission

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