

To the Committee;

I, a registered voting citizen of Australia ask that you would make the amendments to the Medicare funding of abortions to stop sex selected abortions for family balancing, cultural preferences or personal preference for the following reasons.

- Aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and therefore not be afforded Medicare benefits
- Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures only; taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference
- It is the duty of legislators to ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life
- The law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- By providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions, is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act; the government should work to see a reduction in abortion.
- It is counterproductive to healthcare causing more health issues such as infertility, mental and psychologically trauma to women which increases the burden on the mental and healthcare system which in turn increases the costs of treatments on governments and taxpayers.
- It is counterproductive to population growth and unbalances the gender ratio in society. This leads to more of one gender than another and a negative growth of the new generation with

an overburden of a retiring generation. This costs governments and taxpayers and forces the retiring generation to continue working beyond retirement.

Thank you for considering the proposed changes and I hope that this committee will see the negative impact abortion has on our communities, society and governments. It is my hope to see the horror of human abortion ended and life in the womb valued for their future contribution to communities, society and governments.