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I wish to support Senator Madigan's Bill to remove Medicare funding for abortions done for the purpose of selecting the sex of unborn children.

The UNFPA report calls for legislation to be put in place to curb this practice which is occurring in countries overseas other than China and India. There is also evidence of this occurring in USA and Canada and now more recently in Australia.

Some couples are choosing this option when deciding to limit the number of children in their family.

This practice is highly discriminatory against girls and women. This Bill is discriminatory against human rights. In countries overseas, especially in India and China, there is much evidence of both violence and discrimination towards girls and women.

Medicare funding must not be allowed in Australia for such an abhorrent practice.

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