

**Inquiry: Health Insurance Amendment
(Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013**

Privacy: Submission and my name public

Last month, Senator John Madigan introduced into the Senate the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill that would remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions

There are reports that sex selection abortions currently take place in Australia for those couples who have a cultural preference for boys or for “family balancing” by parents who want a child of a particular sex.

Please accept my submission in support of the bill to ensure unborn children are afforded the most basic of human rights and that the adults concerned take responsibility for their actions - adults who would abort a child because it is not the gender they require are, at the very least, questionable candidates for parenthood. Our social and police services are already inundated with the results of ineffective parenting and the decline in moral fortitude within families

I would like to make the following points:

- 1) Aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and should therefore not be afforded Medicare benefits
- 2) Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures; taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference
- 3) The law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- 4) Providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act; I request the government work to see a reduction in abortion.

Thank you and regards,

Megan Knight