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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I wish to register my absolute disapproval, as a female Australian voter, at Medicare funding of gender-based abortion. I contend that this is nothing short of murdering healthy citizens on the basis of cultural or familial bias. Our men have fought wars and lost their lives to protect democracy. All healthy foetuses are potential citizens and as such, need protection, not elimination. At the very least those children should be offered for adoption by families that are desperate to nourish babies of either sex.

I also contend that, according to statistical information published by the U.N., the majority of aborted babies are of the female gender. Isn't Australia's democratic value that all people are equal (regardless of gender, race, age, etc.) being blatantly undermined by this abhorrent killing of innocent females who have unknown potential and a right to life once conceived? Isn't this making a mockery of the sacrifices of so many in the Armed Services who risk(ed) their lives to preserve Australia's democratic values and the U.N. Charter of equality to all? Not to mention reinforcing a cultural/societal message that females are worth nothing and the myriad levels of effect that this has on our females/families/r'ships - this is not what the average Australian wants or needs and it is doing our nation immense harm to be seen to be funding gendercide.

How about putting that funding into educational programs reinforcing gender teamwork, and the healthiness and benefits of valuing and treating males & females from foetus to old-age, as having differences that, together, form a multi-faceted, holistic merging of strengths and values?

Looking over-all at our patriarchal world today, it's very obvious that the cultivation of the female perspective is much-needed to balance the aggression/mutilation/annihilation/devaluing of human life and the resources of our planet, generally.

Sincerely  
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