
Herewith please find--

Our submission is in support of Senator John Madigan's Bill, the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Our support for Senator Madigan's Bill is based on the following:-

* Research on this question has found that the great majority of respondents disapproved of sex-selection abortion.
The latest poll by Galaxy (Feb.2013) of 300 Tasmanians showed that 92% disapproved of this concept.

*While no records are kept of Medicare funded sex-selection abortions, anecdotal evidence indicates that this sex-selection is performed here in Australia.
One case has been referred to the Medical Board of Australia.

*The UN condemned sex-selection abortion in a 2011 Report as "gender discrimination against girls and women and a violation of their human rights"

*This practice of sex-selection abortion has led to a serious imbalance between the sexes in various countries eg. Albania, where 112 boys are born for every 100 girls. (Recent study by the UN Population Fund).

Please condemn this horrific practice by recommending against Medicare funding for sex-selection abortion.

Yours

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