Dear Sir/Madam

I find that the use of Medicare funding for abortions immoral and to use them for gender selection is increasing the immoral use of the funds.

I consider EVERY LIFE IS PRECIOUS.

Without full public approval for this use of public funds (paid for by the public) would be a step into totalitarian dictatorship where the Commonwealth people are not informed of decisions made to their lives or to the populations health.

For killing innocent lives based on age, development, sex, imperfections (to the current viewpoint) is abhorrent and MUST BE PUT TO A PUBLIC REFERENDUM.

The Medicare funding should not be permitted for abortion until this referndum has been approved by the public, AND ALL TERMS OF FUNDING MUST BE DECLARED - AND NO OTHER TERMS ADDED LATER FOR ADDITIONAL USES OF THE FUNDS.

All excuses like 'family-balancing', that expenditure practice is used in other countries (eg. China), are null and void until the public has approved the use in a referendum.

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