

I would like to make a submission to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees on their Inquiry into Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

I support the proposal to stop the use of Medicare funding for gender selection abortions.

As an Australian citizen , wife, mother and taxpayer, I find it totally unacceptable that Medicare funding should be used for the purpose of gender selection abortions. Medicare funding has been used to terminate female unborn babies where a male child is desired and vice versa. Reference an article in the Herald Sun January 8th 2011 Couple Abort twin boys in desperate bid for IVF girl.

Sex selection is banned in IVF programs in Australia for all except genetic diseases. This should also apply to abortions.

Aborting a male or female unborn baby because the baby is male or female is discriminatory and is not supported by Medical Associations in Australia and overseas. Gender Selection Abortion is illegal in the UK.

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