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Dear Sir,

Please accept my submission on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

The Bill aims to stop the public funding of abortions that are used purely to select boys or girls - one of the most callous forms of abortion one could possibly imagine. This procedure does take place in Australia as the following article shows (<http://www.heraldsun.com.au/news/parents-want-right-to-choose-their-childs-gender/story-e6frf7jo-1225983877669>), but it is most prevalent within certain Asian immigrant communities.

Banning the procedure entirely is the will of the vast majority of Australians. A recent Melbourne University survey showed 80% support for making the practice completely illegal (<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/n-436>) and the latest polling in Tasmania found 89% support (<http://www.examiner.com.au/story/1368072/we-dont-want-more-abortion/>).

Please recommend that this Bill be made law so that at least the public funding of this abhorrent practice will be outlawed.

Yours faithfully,

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