

Submission to Inquiry.

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According to research carried out by the Adelaide Sexton marketing group, it was shown that 82% of people surveyed for their views believed that sex selection abortion should not be legal, and 85% believed it to be morally unacceptable.

This research clearly shows that sex selection abortion is extremely unacceptable to the majority of Australians.

Another study by Dr. Rebecca Kippen, from the school of population health at Melb. Uni. Of 2500 people, released in Dec. 2010, showed that 80% of them disapproved of sex selection abortion.

A more recent Feb.2013 Galaxy poll of 300 Tasmanians showed that 92% disapproved of sex selection abortion.

This trend by couples to abort healthy babies because they don't want them because of their sex, should be discouraged by not allowing them Medicare funding. These people should be encouraged to have their babies and make them available for adoption by the many unlucky couples who can't have children, and are so keen to do so that they are using I.V.F., many unsuccessfully. Many of these couples resort to adopting from overseas because of the unavailability of babies here to adopt, because of the great number of abortions that are now performed here.

I hope you will take these views into account in your inquiry.

Yours sincerely, Patrick Pekin.