I support the terms of the Bill.Many people I have spoken to regard this as undesireable and unnecessary use of public funds to abort female children for whatever reason.

The practice has been followed in other countries and amongst certain ethnic groups, resulting in some cases in an inbalance of the sexes, with consequent social problems.

By nature the practice devaluates females, whereas our laws endeavour of prevent discrimination of this sort.

The United Nations is not in favour of this practice, and this Bill would support their endeavours. I understand that some Medical organisations frown on this sort of conduct, and would support the Bill in principle.

I urge you to find in favour of the proposed law in your report.

Mr.J.Hanrahan

SUBMISSION