

The Honourable Members,

The provision of Medicare funding for gender specific abortions is abhorrent to me.

- Procuring an abortion because of a particular gender (usually female) is discriminating against women in the most basic and appalling way.
- “Gender balance”, as it is euphemistically referred to, continues to cause major demographic problems where it is practiced in countries such as India and China. The imbalance of men to women is leading to anger, frustration, depression, violence, rape, and even sex trafficking
- Within an Australian family, it would be hoped that every child would be welcomed as a potential member of that family, and not aborted to “balance the numbers”. However, even if the family decided on an abortion, it can never be regarded as a medical necessity, and hence should not attract Medicare subsidy.
- Regarding girl babies as a commodity which can be accepted or rejected is discrimination, pure and simple.

Yours faithfully,

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