

Mrs Jane West

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Dear Sir/Madam

I strongly oppose the Medicare funding for sex selection abortions in Australia and I oppose the principle of abortion on the grounds of gender selection. I wish this to be a private submission and refer it to the **Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees** on their Inquiry into the **"Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013**.

Apart from genetic diseases sex selection is banned in IVF programs in Australia.

A Poll conducted by *Southern Cross Bioethics* (2005) found that, those who were 'strongly in favour of abortion' 82% believe that sex selection abortion should not be legal. 85% said that gender selection abortion is not morally acceptable - this percentage came from the 82% already quoted.

There will be an imbalance in population when the authorities dabble with gender selection.

The **UN** opposed sex selection abortion in a 2011 Report:

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/publications/2011/9789241501460_eng.pdf.

The **UN** estimates up to 200 million females are demographically missing worldwide:

<http://www.un.org/events/women/iwd/2007/factsfigures.shtml>.

Please investigate some of these disturbing reports.

<http://www.unfpa.org/webdav/site/global/shared/documents/publications/2012/Sex%20Imbalance%20at%20Birth.%20PDF%20UNFPA%20APRO%20publication%202012.pdf>.

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