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I am appalled to learn that gender abortions are being practised in Australia, and being funded by medicare! I can't believe that a so called civilised country could allow such a practise, let alone fund it!!! As a society we can't condone such gender discrimination, no matter what the culture of the people who are participating in it. When people come to our country, they must abide by our customs and practises. This is our country, and we should make the rules!. I understand that even an Australian couple were allowed to abort their twins because of their gender. This is barbaric, and difficult to fathom how such a thing could occur in our country, where I thought sex discrimination was a thing of the past.

Medicare funding should be preserved for those with genuine medical needs, and not for such gross practises. It is a sign of weakness to surrender our beliefs to pander to a group of people with different cultural backgrounds. They must know that when they come to a western country they will be subject to a different culture, and they need to respect our values, not expect us to surrender them . If they do not like our customs, they should not come here in the first place. PLEASE give this matter thoughtful consideration,

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