

Gender-Selection Abortion Submission

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Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees

Dear Committee Members:

I make this submission in regard to your inquiry into the **“Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013”**.

In my response to the Terms of Reference of your inquiry I do so from a traditional Christian perspective.

I therefore consider it unacceptable that Medicare funds are used for any abortion in Australia. The Bible clearly states that God created man in His image as male and female and that *every* life has inherent value and dignity and is precious to God. For this reason I am as much opposed to taking a little baby boy’s life as a little baby girl.

I am greatly concerned with the growing prevalence of gender-selection abortion throughout the world today. The Judeo-Christian belief in the sanctity of human life is at the foundation of free western society. Where that belief has been eroded or is absent we can only expect to see an increase in the shedding of innocent blood through abortion. Countries like China, with laws based on atheistic communism, for example, carry out millions of forced abortions and sterilisations. It is therefore morally wrong for Australia to continue to send money to the UN Fund for Population Activities and other worldwide bodies which supports China’s ‘One Child Policy’.

I am passionately opposed to the use of Medicare funded gender-selection abortions for the purpose of ‘family-balancing’. More and more it seems that children are becoming a commodity in our society. Through sperm banks, for example, parents can produce a ‘designer baby’ that will never know its biological father. Producing a ‘designer family’ with the desired number of boys and girls is even worse as it results in the killing of innocent unborn babies who will never know their brothers and sisters.

I am glad to hear that the United Nations and a number of medical associations in developed countries want to put to an end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection abortion. I cannot say however that I support the campaigns of their various agencies as I do not know what disincentives they want to implement. If the UN figure that up to 200 million females are demographically missing in the world today is correct I believe we will see a massive growth in social disruption as young men find there are not enough women to marry.

Thank you for your consideration.

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