

Submission to the Inquiry into Senator Madigan's Health Insurance Amendment Bill 2013.

As a citizen of Australia and the world I wish to support this Amendment for the following reasons:

1. It is not a civilised or humane act to kill a baby, for any reason, especially when it is in the safety of its mother's womb.
2. To kill a baby simply because of its gender is totally unthinkable in this modern world just as it has always been. Having the technology to identify the gender of our children before they are born has made them even more vulnerable than ever before in the history of the world.
3. Having established that I am totally appalled at the killing of the innocents of the 21st century it simply follows that I am in favour of not funding this from the Public coffers through medicare.
4. With the increasing multicultural population of Australia we must make it clear to ethnic groups that it is not in our culture to fund the gender selection, by abortion, of babies through our medicare system.
5. I support the protection of life from conception to its natural end so I would rather spend money to support the baby when born rather than pay for it to be murdered through abortion.
6. It is a very dangerous thing to skew the gender balance in a population by killing predominantly, the female of the species. This has led to enormous social problems in the countries where it has been practiced, It leads to violence, lack of marital partners, sexual violence, shortage of females in the workforce and a lack of gender balance in Government, public and private enterprises.
7. The three deadliest words in many parts of the world, and in some cases in Australia, are "It's a Girl". This needs to be changed and the above amendment will be a great start to achieving this goal.
8. Surveys consistently show that Australians are overwhelming opposed to Gendercide and the practice of gender-selective abortion. The most recent Galaxy poll in Tasmania 9 February 2013 showed that 92% of people opposed gender selected abortion. The United Nations condemned gender selected abortion in a 2011 report as "gender discrimination against girls and women and a violation of their human rights."
9. "A girl has a right to live not just because she is a girl, not just because she can contribute to society and not just because she could change the world, but because it is her most basic human right. We stand for a generation where the full rights of girls and women will be fulfilled everywhere because women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's rights. We stand for gender equality. We stand for justice. We stand against indifference. We stand against gender-selective abortion and the 'Gendercide' of women in Australia and around the world."
I agree totally with this quote from Life Network Australia and believe that the amendment proposed by Senator Madigan will be a step in the direction of curbing this human catastrophe.

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