

The Australian Senate,  
Canberra.

**Re: Submission on Medicare Funding of Gender-Selection Abortions**

I wish to support Senator Madigan's Bill to remove Medicare funding of abortions done for the purpose of selecting the sex of unborn children.

Choosing to abort a child on the basis of its sex (or gender) is abhorrent.

This practice has been widely used in other parts of the world, particularly China and India, to ensure the preponderance of boy children. This has resulted in a serious imbalance in the sex (gender) ratio in society, which is already leading to major social problems.

Sex-selection abortions are usually used to eliminate girls, which reinforces an age-old bias against women and girls.

Australia should have no part in perpetuating this social evil.

Nature provides for a proper balance between boy and girl offspring. Eliminating an unborn child because of its sex (gender) interferes with the balance of nature.

Taxpayers should not be expected to fund, via Medicare, the destruction of unborn children who are not the sex (gender) desired by their parents.

Please approve Senator Madigan's amendment to Medicare funding of abortion.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) Joan Apthorp.