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To whom it may concern

I am writing to express my opposition to gender selective abortions.

- Australia should support campaigns to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions. One way the Australian government could support the United Nations in their mission against Gendercide is by refusing Medicare support for Gender Selective abortion.

- Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit. Doctors have disclosed informally that gender selection abortions are occurring - with a preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and as a result Medicare funding is being used to terminate the life of female children. Medicare money should not be wasted, misdirected or spent irresponsibly on the killing of the unborn child. Unborn girls should not be devalued, dehumanised and discriminated against.

- Aborting a child for "family balancing" reasons is repulsive. It should not be supported by taxpayer funding. Every child should be welcomed, whether it is a boy or a girl. The termination of unborn girls deprives the world of future sisters, mothers, leaders, parliamentarians, nurses, doctors, wives and teachers. Medicare benefits should be for necessary health procedures not for eliminating babies because of their gender due to cultural or personal preferences.

- yours sincerely

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- Jacqueline Nair