

To whom it may concern,

I'd like to make a submission to support the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013. As a woman who is experiencing fertility issues, I can't fathom any woman choosing, of their own free will, to terminate the most precious gift of an unborn baby, solely for the preference of a certain gender.

I don't see how this atrocity is not already illegal in a country as active in human rights as Australia. This is an act of genocide. I believe that this type of abortion is in contradiction to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The law should be doing its utmost to protect the unborn, given their vulnerable state. It is the duty of legislators to ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life.

I know of the psychological impacts abortion has on woman and the guilt they have to live with for the rest of their life. I can imagine that the mental impact would be far worse on a woman who aborts a perfectly healthy child, solely for the sake of gender selection. I plead with you to desist from aiding a barbaric act and approve the bill to ensure Medicare does not fund "sex selection" abortions.

Furthermore, aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and should definitely not be afforded Medicare benefits. Without funding, this practice would be less accessible, and hopefully, reduce this abhorrent act.

Yours faithfully