

Dear Senate Committee

I have recently been informed that you are looking into the option of removing from Medicare the option to be able to claim for an abortion based on gender choice.

I would like to add my support to this idea.

I find it distressing to think that in Australia where we have many demands on our health care system we are funding the whim of a family who desire to choose the sex of their baby.

Personally I am against the whole concept of abortion but to discover that gender abortions are now becoming more prevalent is a very sad reflection on our Australian culture. By allowing for this procedure to be covered under Medicare we are saying that we agree that families can choose the sex of their children which is really so unnecessary and demeaning.

Please consider removing this from Medicare.

I wish you well with your deliberations and look forward to seeing the results soon

Yours sincerely

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