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When I first heard that this bill was being introduced, my reaction was disbelief that this was even happening in this country. Like most Australians, I have assumed that this sort of thing is only happening in countries like India and China where girls are so devalued. What hypocrisy on our parts when we criticise these countries for aborting their girls and then we do the same and charge the public purse for it. Transparency on this issue is totally lacking. Then again there may be some country in the world that does not value boys and wants to abort them. I don't know of any such place but only in the West again would such a thing happen. Poor countries abort their girls for cultural reasons and economics. Australia, to our everlasting shame, has a couple who have aborted twin boys for no reason at all, except they wanted a girl and I assume the Australian taxpayer paid for it. As a voter, I am feeling totally powerless to change anything and believe that the major parties are just mirror images of each other. I want to believe that my submission will be listened to but I am not confident. If gender selected abortion continues in this country then I will really know how meaningless submitting anything to parliamentary hearings is, as Australians do not support this. I applaud Senator Madigan for his courage,

Sincerely,  
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