

Senate Committee
Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill

Dear Senators

I wish to object to any public funding being used for any abortion, but particularly for abortions that are for gender selection.

I do not believe that aborting an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is a medical procedure and should therefore not be covered by Medicare benefits. Medicare funding should be strictly limited to health procedures that are life saving, not life ending (as an abortion ends the life of a baby) and taxpayers should not be paying for decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference.

Legislators should ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life and the law should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Much has been made about the fact that abortion should be safe, legal and rare but since its introduction it has increased, particularly in Victoria since the bill was passed allowing abortion up to full term. By providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions, is contributing to the increase of this abhorrent act and the government should work to see a reduction in abortion.

Yours faithfully,
Stephanie Mitchell