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To the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees.

Here are my brief reasons why the above mentioned gender selection bill should be passed in Parliament. I believe that any reasonably minded person can perceive that I am only stating the obvious.

(1) Medical funding is based on a health needs basis: not for the killing of female babies in the mothers' womb and more especially, when it is done for a gender preference motive.

(2) Good aspects of an ethnic cultural practise should be encouraged by governments, but financing the elimination of females in Australia is a bad one.

(3) The Medicare funding of gender selection abortion sends a negative message to our already over objectified Australian female population, that they are just a commodity that can be discriminated against, mistreated, undervalued and yes--killed at random. (do we want another China or India cultural model here?)

(4) The funding of babies killed in the mother's womb for reasons of gender or gender balancing of families is against the common good of our society. Australia prides itself in giving a fair go to every person. The killing of our future citizens (the majority are female girls) deprives our society that glues it together. As the saying goes "she who rocks the cradle--rules the world".

Please consider this submission, I am surprised that Medicare at present finances such a clear evil. I hope that this Bill, submitted by Senator Madigan is quickly passed and will be enforced by the law of the land.

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