
I would like to voice my support for the proposed Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortions) Bill currently before the Senate Committee.

It is important that unborn children are afforded the most basic of human rights, i.e. the right to life. This proposed bill goes some way to protecting this basic right.

In addition, as a concerned taxpayer and contributor to Medicare revenues, I believe my taxpayer dollars which support Medicare, should be strictly limited to matters of health and health procedures. Medicare should not be funding decisions and lifestyle choices made purely on cultural, social or preferential bases. Given that Medicare dollars are limited, and there is already great pressure and demand for those dollars for genuine medical purposes, we must limit the scope of what our Medicare dollars are used for to those matters affecting the health of all Australians.

In addition, given that we like to think of ourselves as a 'civilised' society, our laws should protect the unborn given their vulnerable state, in accordance with the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. By providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions, we are not only going against the convention, but contributing to the abhorrent act of abortion, not for health or life-threatening or medical reasons, but purely for reasons of personal choice. Our government should work to see a reduction in abortion not provide further opportunities for increased abortions by funding them with limited taxpayer dollars.

Regards,
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