

Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,
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Dear Members,

Stop Medicare Funding of Gendercide.

I am nearly 80 years old. When I was in early Primary School we learnt about the fierce and warlike Spartans who often threw baby girls on to the rubbish heaps. We were shocked.

Now I hear that in Australia women can be assisted with government funding to abort ~~extra~~ babies if they are not of the sex they desire. I am absolutely appalled and I write to urge you to legislate to end medicare funding for this procedure.

We pride ourselves on being a humane society. Reverence for life is a basic principle of a good society. A foetus is a living being and deserves protection and care. Abortion should be a last resort. Now I hear that there is ^{sometimes} a preference for boy babies and some people are having abortions if the foetus is not male. (Of course some couples desire a girl and would abort a boy baby)

What will our morals sink to next? In the final outcome the Spartan practice is being followed but now the government concurs and assists.

I'm sure I speak for all my friends and neighbours when I ask you to legislate against medicare funding in this procedure.

Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) Margery Benson

P.S. I am a mother of five, four of whom were "unexpected". But all are good citizens and have given me 15 grandchildren.