

## **Inquiry: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.**

Senator John Madigan (DLP, Victoria) has introduced the *Health insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013*. **The Bill would prohibit any payment of a Medicare benefit for an abortion performed solely because of the gender of the unborn child.**

To the Senate Committee, deliberating on *Health insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013*, I, \_\_\_\_\_ would like to submit my support for Senator John Madigan's amendment bill which will prohibit any payment of Medicare benefit for an abortion performed solely because of the gender of the unborn child.

Australia is a country with Christian values and principles. As citizens of this great nation of ours, we **MUST** protect the sanctity of life irrespective of the gender of the child or the wishes of the parents.

As such, we should not allow the selfish interests of parents to dictate whether or not their unborn child lives or dies based on the gender of the child.

- *Abortions performed solely because of the sex of the child are a form of gendercide usually targeted at eliminating girl babies. In China and India this has led to a massive shortage of girls. This practice should not be supported in Australia by Medicare benefits;*
- *Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit;*
- *Aborting a child for "family balancing" reasons is abhorrent. It should not be supported by taxpayer funding. Every child should be welcomed regardless of whether it is a boy or a girl;*
- *Medicare benefits should be for needed health procedures not for eliminating babies because of their gender due to cultural or personal preferences.*