

**Submission to Inquiry: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013. – by Mrs Mary Rofe RN**

**1.** *The unacceptability to Australians of the use of Medicare funding for the purpose of gender selection abortions;*

1. Every Australian is entitled to the same treatment under the law.
2. To use the law to discriminate against those of a particular gender is against this principle and is abhorrent to the Australian people

**2.** *The prevalence of gender selection - with preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia and the recourse to Medicare funded abortions to terminate female children;*

3. Our culture should determine the focus of our laws.
4. To adopt foreign principles and practices and legislate for their funding under Australian law is a betrayal of the Australian people and denies them their heritage of core values.

**3.** *The use of Medicare funded gender-selection abortions for the purpose of 'family-balancing';*

1. No government funding should be used for private purposes such as family balancing.
2. Setting such a precedent would guarantee an endless call on the public purse for similar private purposes.

**4.** *Support for campaigns by United Nations agencies to end the discriminatory practice of gender-selection through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions';*

1. Australia's leadership in outlawing these abuses of government funding will set a standard for other nations.

**5.** *Concern from medical associations in first world countries about the practice of gender-selection abortion, viz. Canada, USA, UK.*

1. Australia should be proud of its heritage of protecting life and a fair go for all and more than that, Australia should

give support and encouragement to like-minded professionals across the globe who fight to save lives.

2. As a Registered Nurse of over 40yrs standing I understand the pressures that bad legislation such as this could place on medical professionals who cherish a high regard for their oath to protect and defend life.
3. Australia must lead the way in protection and upholding of Australian mores and values free of the pressures from value systems in other cultures.