

I support the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013" for the following reasons:

- Aborting a child solely because of its gender is NOT a medical procedure and should not receive a Medicare benefit.
- It has been indicated informally by doctors in Australia that gender selection abortions are occurring - with a preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups present in Australia. As a result Medicare funding is being used to terminate the life of female children.
- Medicare money should not be misdirected and spent irresponsibly on the killing of an unborn child. Unborn children, and specifically girls, should not be devalued and discriminated against.
- Aborting a child for "family balancing" should not be supported by taxpayer funding. Every child is a blessing, whether it is a boy or a girl, and deserves to have a meaningful life. There are too many stories of nearly aborted children who have grown up to be leaders and influencers of nations, businesses and families. The world of should not be deprived of these.
- Medicare benefits should be used for needed health procedures not for eliminating babies because of their gender due to cultural or personal preferences.

Taxpayers' money is for the benefit of the nation, to be spent on meaningful issues that improve our country and not on issues that degrade society and bring us in line with other countries where the value of life is meaningless. Why should Australian's pay for beliefs imposed by other nations on their population, especially if they have become resident in Australia.