
To the Inquiry

Abortions performed solely because of the sex of a child (that is, “gendercide”) sickens me and offends my sense of what is right.

I have seen reports that this happens overseas – usually targeting female babies – but this practice should not be allowed to develop in Australia. If the UN is making efforts to limit such abortions, I believe that Australia should support such efforts. One most obvious way to do so is to pass this Bill in Australia – indeed if this Bill were to be defeated, then that would necessarily weaken and undermine such UN efforts.

Medicare benefits should be used only for meeting health needs, not for procedures sought for cultural or personal preference reasons. Aborting a girl or a boy, just because of their gender, is not a medical procedure and should not be funded by Medicare.

I support this Bill and applaud Senator Madigan for introducing it to the Commonwealth Parliament.

Sincerely

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