

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the enquiry.

I am strongly opposed to abortion because it assaults the right to life of the unborn child. I think that the only situation where it might need to be conducted is the case where the life of the mother is threatened for medical reasons, and even then, such a decision should be in no way taken lightly. That being said, and noting the current laws, my comments on abortion for the sake of gender are laid out below.

Public funds should be used to support required medical procedures. Aborting an unborn child simply on the basis of gender is not a required medical procedure. Public funds in the form of Medicare benefits should not be allocated to sex selection abortions.

All Medicare funding should be limited strictly to normal required health procedures; taxpayers should not be funding decisions based purely on cultural or personal preference.

Everyone, particularly those in charge of making laws must ensure every child, regardless of gender, is afforded the basic human right of life. This includes unborn children from the very moment of conception. Sex selection abortions fly in the face of this concept.

Australian law should protect everyone who is vulnerable, especially including the unborn, the latter also in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The government, by providing Medicare funding of sex-selection abortions, is contributing to the occurrence of this abhorrent act. The government should change the laws to prevent sex selection abortions, and in fact abortion generally.

Please feel free to discuss this with me if required.