
Dear Senate Committee,

I would like to make a submission to the enquiry on the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013.

Senator Madigan's Bill is commendable as it begins to tackle the attitude which usually manifests itself as a preference for boy babies over girls. Australia is particularly at risk from these attitudes given its proximity to, and large immigrant populations from Asia where these attitudes are particularly rife.

Indeed, the UN has shown that the sex ratio at birth for many Asian countries is skewed far beyond what is natural and identifies the widespread use of ultrasound and abortion to selectively kill preborn girl babies (http://www.unfpa.org/gender/docs/studies/summaries/regional_analysis.pdf).

Australia needs to make a clear statement that we find sex-selection abortions repugnant. I trust the committee will fully support this Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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