
Dear Senate Committee members,

It is of great concern to me to know that our Government provides medicare funding for the killing of babies by abortion, (even 100,000 annually)and especially that in many cases it is simply because of the sex of the child.

I urge the committee to recommend that the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013 should be made law.

I believe the majority of Australians would desire that this Amendment be passed,as current surveys of the Australian public show strong support for banning sex-selection completely.
(<http://newsroom.melbourne.edu/news/n-436>)

This Bill at least partially reflects these views by disallowing government funding via Medicare for such abortions.

Some certain sections of the immigrant community are prejudiced against girl children and desire to kill them by abortion when possible. The following article is from the US, but there is no reason to think attitudes are any different within the same immigrant communities in Australia:
<http://www.examiner.com/article/sex-selection-abortions-rampant-america>. Amazingly this study found that 89% of Asian-Indians chose abortion if they found out they were carrying baby girls!

This is also happening in Australia and is widespread amongst some communities. It is therefore necessary that the Australian government legislate in-line with the values of the vast majority of Australians to at least ban government funding via Medicare of sex-selection abortion.

Yours sincerely,

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