
I strongly approve of the "Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for certain types of abortions) Bill 2013 put forward by Senator Madigan.

1. It is totally unacceptable to me that Medicare Funding can be used for the purpose of gender-selection abortion.

2. I am deeply disturbed by the prevalence of gender-selection - with preference for a male child - amongst some ethnic groups in Australia and the use of Medicare-funded abortions to terminate female children.

3. I strongly disapprove of Medicare-funded gender-selection abortions to achieve so-called 'Family Balancing'. It is unacceptable to me that any child is aborted especially on the basis of gender. Every baby has the right to life.

4. I support the united Nations efforts to end discriminatory practices of gender-selection, through implementing disincentives for gender-selection abortions. The Australian Government can support this campaign by refusing to fund gender-selection abortions any longer.

I ask the Australian Parliament to pass this Bill unconditionally. To lead the way in the world in upholding the right of every child to be protected from gender-selected abortion, especially female babies.