
I refer to the above bill presently being considered and wish to express my grave concern. These are the reasons for my strong opposition to such a bill:

*A study in 2010, led by Dr Rebecca Kippen from the School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne, analysed responses from more than 2,500 people participating in the Australian Survey of Social Attitudes, combined with a series of in-depth parental interviews. The survey found that 69 per cent of respondents disapproved the use of IVF for sex selection, with the disapproval rate increasing to 80 per cent for sex-selective abortions. The legalisation of hypothetical blue and pink pills for sex selection was supported by only 11 per cent of respondents. Dr Kippen said similar responses resulted from the in-depth interviews carried out with parents.

*A poll of 300 Tasmanian respondents, conducted by Galaxy for the Queensland-based pro-life organisation Emily's Voice on February 8 and 9, 2013 found that 92 per cent did not agree with a decision to have an abortion on sex- selection grounds.

A publication named "Preventing gender-biased sex selection" by WHO states that "... there is wide agreement that the causes of biased sex selection lie in gender-based discrimination..." (p. 7)

I believe therefore that Medicare money should not be spent irresponsibly on gender biased killing of the unborn child. Unborn girls, especially in Australian society, should not be devalued, dehumanised and discriminated against. This practice is condemned by WHO in less educated societies; why should Australia condone such a barbaric practice and even expect its citizens to financially support it?

Thank you for considering my submission.

Pia Horan