

---

**Submission to the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees on inquiry  
into the “Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare  
Funding for Certain Types of Abortion)  
Bill 2013.**

I wish to state that I oppose the principle of gender selection abortions and I believe that it is highly unethical to use the scarce Medicare funds of this country to pay for them.

In the first place, the very issue of gender selection abortions seems to present a frightening attitude to the importance of human life or rather unimportance of human life. To simply choose to wipe out one human life (like throwing out rubbish) to seek to replace it with another of alternate gender is not only an act of murder but at the same time it is evidence of pure discrimination.

It makes a mockery of the principles of justice and fairness in any society and undermines our values.

And then for this same Bill to seek to use Medicare Funding to cover the cost of these completely anti-human, anti-social actions, sends out a clear indication of the low level of care into which society is now sinking. Just what kind of a message are we passing on to future generations.

It would be encouraging to know that our politicians still have enough respect for human life to ensure this Amendment to the Health Insurance Bill does not get passed into law.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue dealing with human life.

Regards

Marie Slyth