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Senate Committee Commission.

Dear Committee Members,

(Ladies and Gentlemen I presume! But not necessarily in equal or planned numbers!)

I strongly object to abortion unless the Mother's life is in GRAVE danger.

However, I am further horrified that babies should be aborted because of their gender – it is unbelievable that this should even be considered, never mind paid for under our national insurance scheme, where **SO MANY patients are waiting for operations to relieve extreme pain, which is not immediately life threatening.** These patients need our care and consideration, as do all babies who would be born alive without the medical interference of doctors, who are pledged to “DO NO HARM”! **We apparently need more population,** and yet so many babies are thrown in the garbage for no reason other than an inconvenience of one kind or another. Shame on Australia!

I have lived in Western Australia for 30 years, and we have brought up two daughters, who are now qualified as a lawyer, and a doctor. We would have chosen to have one of each sex, but it didn't happen, and we were only very briefly disappointed, for a few seconds. We were pleased to have two healthy babies.

No matter what culture the citizen comes from, we choose to live in Australia, and should therefore abide by Australian laws, and within reason, the Australian culture, not necessarily abandoning our own cultural practices, in normal circumstances. However normal circumstances do not include aborting a baby because the sex is not of our choosing, or convenience.

We are privileged to live in a wonderful country, and Australia could/should also be leading the way in Human Rights from conception in the United Nations, as we stepped forward to pay our dues in carbon tax, and concern for the environment. We are proud of Australia in this regard, and willing to pay the costs involved. The cost to Australia in seeking migrants, who then object to OUR culture once they get here, is not cost effective, and the applications to have the privilege of citizenship must require pledges that they will abide by the laws and practices in the country they seek to reside in. **Certainly, no person should be funded from Medicare dollars for an abortion of choice which is gender related! No way, no time, no abortion!**

Yours sincerely,

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