

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to make a submission in support of the "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013.

When I became aware of the current practice of selective abortion according to sex I was gravely concerned.

For parents to make a decision on whether their child should live or die according to their gender is abhorrent. I believe it is not for us to decide the fate of another human being according to our own personal preferences.

Furthermore when I found out that Medicare funds are being used to pay for these selective abortions my concern was raised further.

I am aware of other countries practising gendercide usually to eliminate female babies and have always been in shock at this. The balance of male and female babies needs to be the same and as I understand from United Nations estimates there as many as 200 million girls missing in the world today due primarily to gender selected abortion.

Medicare is meant to fund medical procedures and aborting a child solely due to its sex is not a medical procedure and we should not be made to fund this.

There is also the discussion that sometimes families want to "balance their family" by "selecting" which child lives and which child dies according to gender. This process is repulsive.

Overall I believe strongly against any form of abortion – it is not our right to end the life of another human being.

I ask you strongly to take my submission under consideration in support of the abovementioned bill.

Yours sincerely