

## **Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013**

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I Rev. Fr Jean Mawal a priest of the Antiochian Orthodox Church of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines, am writing in favour of the amendment introduced by Senator John Madigan being: (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill that would remove Medicare funding for sex-selection abortions.

My support to the amendment is based on the following arguments:

1. Australian Law renowned for its freedom and care has a duty to protect an unborn child who is not yet given any freedom to choose life or death at its most vulnerable time.
2. Regardless of gender of the unborn child, the child should be afforded the basic human rights of every human being. Medicare funding allowing sex-selection abortions is contributing and encouraging the increase of this abhorrent and horrendous act and should rather be standing against and working toward reducing the ever increasing number of the killing of unborn children.
3. Lastly, abortion of an unborn child solely on the basis of gender is not a medical procedure and should therefore not be afforded Medicare benefits.

Yours sincerely,

Fr Jean Mawal