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Dear Committee,

I write to voice my concern about allowing gender selection via abortion being permitted in Australia by the above legislation now under review.

To view such terminations when it does not impost upon the Mother's well being, requires questioning as this is not a practice that has been observed in this country. Yet, when one looks not too far to China whereby sex selection by abortion has been in practice for many decades - China can now be viewed quite openly through this experience as to 'forced' gender imbalance which has long term ramifications for all of that society.

A baby becomes a child, becomes a youth, becomes an adult and thus is of financial benefit to the country through productivity, knowledge, taxes and support of its own society and family values.

Please, do not let us go the way of China and be forced to view such abortions as normal practice.

Your petitioner

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