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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to use my voice as a voter to make a number of comments in regard to the above bill in supporting Senator John Madigan's "Health Insurance (Certain Types of Abortion) Amendment Bill 2013".

I am opposed to Medicare funding Gender Selection Abortions as this is simply wrong in every way not only because of humanitarian reasons that every life is a gift, and every child should be protected, but this practice definitely should not be supported in Australia by Medicare benefits and taxpayers contributing to this mindless murdering of innocent unborn children.

Another priority for stopping Medicare funding for Gender Selection Abortions is because we as caring human beings are wanting to improve every unborn child's quality of life, and not contribute to this genocide ourselves by agreeing to take their life. Aborting a child solely because it is a boy or a girl is NOT a medical procedure and definitely should not receive a Medicare benefit.

Abortion should not now, or ever be supported by taxpayer funding. Medicare money should not be wasted, squandered, misdirected, spent irresponsibly on the killing of the unborn child. Every unborn should be protected and not be devalued, or be de-humanised and also be discriminated against.

Medicare benefits should be available for genuine sickness and disease and the much needed health procedures for the very many sick people on current waiting lists that exist in hospitals, and not for eliminating babies because of their gender due to cultural or personal preferences. Our Health System is in crisis so let's put an end to parents using our valuable financial resources for their fulfillment of taking part in Gender selection genocide.

Abortion can, and we see that it does, result in serious social consequences. The mother can in later years suffer from extreme guilt and stress from a decision that was made to abort a child during financial difficulties and for other reasons and choices, which when looked back upon could have been managed very differently. I am sure that many people do not fully understand the ramifications of taking a life because ultimately that is what abortion is (the child is killed) and then they suffer the emotional consequences until forgiveness comes to set us free at a much later time when we are faced with the truth that we are all called to protect and value every life. This is not about pointing the finger at those who have chosen this action for themselves but about stopping the current and future funding of their choices with Medicare benefits from taxpayers money.

*Sue Miller*