

# **David Perrin**

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Committee Secretary,  
Senate Finance & Public Administration Legislation Committee,

Dear Secretary,

**SUBMISSION**  
**HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENT (MEDICARE FUNDING OF CERTAIN TYPES OF ABORTION) BILL 2013**

I write as a former Member of Parliament to express my **SUPPORT** for the proposals contained in the above bill.

With long experience of involvement with legislation, I believe this bill needs to be supported and I urge your committee to recommend that this bill be supported by the Senate as a whole.

My main reasons are-

1. The bill sets out a principle that sex selection abortions are wrong. This principle is supported by the United Nations in its 2011 report and by the Council of Europe also in 2011.
2. The great majority of Australians oppose sex selection abortions. This has been shown by public opinion research, polls and studies undertaken by Sexton Marketing Group, Melbourne University, and Galaxy polls.
3. Medicare funding for sex selection abortions should not occur. Medicare is provided for the benefit of health outcomes of patients and should not be used for social change.
4. Sex selection abortions are leading to gender imbalance wherever they are carried out. This is proven in China, India and Europe.
5. The evidence is that sex selection abortions are being carried out in Australia as evidenced by cases before medical tribunals and

**the abortion in Victoria of twin boys as reported in the Melbourne Herald Sun.**

- 6. Because Medicare funding of abortion classifications are so obscure so as to mask abortion reasons and confusing these with miscarriage and genuine foetal deaths. I request that your committee recommend that the Medicare statistics reporting be changed to truthfully inform the community as happens in South Australia.**

**I believe that your committee should report to the Senate and therefore to the wider community, that this bill should be supported.**

**I would be happy to provide any further information that your committee may require.**

**Yours Sincerely,**

**David Perrin**