

Dear members of the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee,

Submission regarding the Enquiry regarding "Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013",

Thank you for the opportunity to write regarding this important matter.

We oppose all forms of sex-selected abortion on principle.

It is highly reprehensible and discriminatory to destroy a foetus on the basis of gender; furthermore, it is likely to result in more females than males being aborted for socio/cultural reasons.

Sex-selected abortion is a form of discrimination on the basis of gender and thus, should not constitute grounds for abortion.

Yours faithfully,

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