

Re: Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013

I find the idea of gender selection offensive to the sanctity of human life. To give value to a baby – born or unborn – according to its gender is irrational and unthinkable. Australia promotes gender equality in all aspects of life. To determine one's right to live based on gender clearly undermines this – it is a backwards step for gender equality. By using public money to fund gender-selective abortions, we are sending the message to our children, and to future generations, that we as a country, condone gender selection, and place value upon an individual based on their gender alone. This is unacceptable. I encourage the passing of this bill.