

## MEDICARE FUNDING OF SECOND TRIMESTER AND LATE TERM ABORTIONS

On Behalf of Catholic Women's League, Archdiocese of Sydney we welcome the motion put forward by Senator Guy Barnett to the Finance and Public Administration Committee to Disallow Medicare funding for Late Term Abortions under Item number 16525 of Part 3 of Schedule 1 to the Health and Insurance Regulation 2007.

Without doubt, abortion is one of the most traumatic experiences a person can have. Both before and after abortion, feelings of fear, anxiety, guilt, panic and pressure are common, not only for the woman who undergoes the abortion but also for the father of the unborn child, relatives, close friends and even medical personnel.

Taxpayers funding of abortion is wrong. It discriminates against such children depriving them of the chance of life.

The money saved in Medicare payments for abortions should be spent on pregnancy support services.

We feel the interpretation for the provision of the Medicare item is far too broad and evidence demonstrates that abortion is harmful to women's wellbeing.

By doing nothing the Senate is effectively authorising these abortions to be funded and continue unchecked.

We urge the Senate to support Senator Barnett's motion

Yours sincerely,

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