

## **Brief submission**

I've worked as midwife/CNS in reproductive medicine at RPA for 20 years, delivering high quality, safe, non-discriminatory and affordable assisted reproduction to a diverse community of people who would otherwise be unable to afford to pursue their desire to have a family. At our unit, Medicare pays the gap 'up front', thereby enabling financially constricted people to proceed to treatments beyond their reach in the private sector.

I fear that changes to Medicare will remove this option, thereby depriving those most in need of a basic human right - that of having children - and furthermore, in an ethical and safe setting. Privately run IVF clinics are primarily concerned with the profiteering of their shareholders, multi-million dollar businesses, not health care facilities.

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