



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIRTH TRAUMA

## MEDIA RELEASE

# BIRTH TRAUMA INQUIRY CONTINUES WITH HEARING TO BE HELD IN WAGGA WAGGA

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

7 December 2023

The Select Committee on Birth Trauma will travel regionally this month, with its fourth public hearing to be held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 in Wagga Wagga.

The committee will hear from individuals sharing their firsthand experience of birth trauma. Additionally, local obstetricians, midwives, and general practitioners will also contribute insights from their professional involvement within the health district.

The Hon Emma Hurst MLC, Chair of the Select Committee expressed gratitude to the individuals who have come forward to share their pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum experiences: "The committee appreciates the time taken by individuals who have come forward to share their experiences with us. These stories continue to be valuable in helping shape the committee's understanding of the maternity care system in New South Wales".

The public hearing will conclude with evidence from senior representatives from the Local Health District.

"As the committee has heard, birth trauma is an ongoing problem in the state. This hearing will provide an important opportunity to learn about the systematic factors which have led to poor outcomes, as well as the immense pressures facing obstetricians, nurses and midwives. The committee looks forward to engaging with all witnesses to gain a deeper understanding of the experience of individuals accessing maternity care services and those working within the Local Health District".

### Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Tuesday 12 December 2023** at the **Wagga RSL**.

The hearing will be open to the public, and live streamed on the NSW Parliament's website: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/Pages/webcasts.aspx>

For more information about this inquiry, please visit the [inquiry webpage](#).

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