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SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIRTH TRAUMA

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PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY HEARING ON BIRTH TRAUMA TO BE HELD AT NSW PARLIAMENT

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7 March 2024

The Select Committee on Birth Trauma is set to hold its next public hearing on Monday 11 March 2024 at NSW Parliament. This marks the committee's fifth hearing to better understand the critical issues surrounding birth trauma in the state.

The witnesses scheduled to attend include individuals with lived experience of birth trauma, specialists working in prolapse and pelvic floor health, physiotherapists, academics, experts in obstetrics and urogynecology, as well as advocacy organisations working in antenatal and postnatal mental health care, homebirth, disability, and grief and loss.

The Hon Emma Hurst MLC, Chair of the Select Committee expressed her appreciation for the individuals and organisations who are participating in the hearing, emphasising the crucial role they play in shaping the committee's understanding of birth trauma: "The committee values the time taken by these witnesses to participate in the hearing and share their knowledge. Each witness brings a unique perspective and valuable insights into the various aspects of birth trauma and maternity care."

The Chair concluded, "By engaging with a broad and diverse range of stakeholders the committee seeks to gain a deeper understanding of the prevalence and contributing factors of birth trauma, and its impact."

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Monday 11 March 2024** in the **Preston-Stanley Room, NSW Parliament**.

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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