



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON BIRTH TRAUMA

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FINAL PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY HEARING ON BIRTH TRAUMA TO BE HELD

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The Select Committee on Birth Trauma will hold its sixth and final public hearing on Monday 8 April 2024 at NSW Parliament.

The committee will hear from young parents with lived experience with the NSW maternity care system and various organisations offering educational resources and support including breastfeeding support, support for individuals with a disability, and those going through challenging periods such as prenatal diagnosis.

The Hon Emma Hurst MLC, Chair of the Select Committee remarked on the importance of hearing from witnesses with diverse experiences: "It is vital that we hear from a range of stakeholders with varying experiences and views and to also hear from the organisations that support those going through birth trauma."

"Throughout this inquiry we have heard some truly harrowing stories of birth trauma and the mistreatment of women within the maternity care system. I want to personally thank the thousands of women who made submissions to this inquiry. Thank you for your courage and bravery. Every experience we hear broadens our understanding of the impact the maternity care system can have on people's lives and will help the committee shape its findings and recommendations."

The committee will also hear from doctors, psychologists and health professionals specialising in women's health and birth trauma. Finally, representatives from NSW Health will appear again to provide further insight into the Midwifery Group Practice.

The committee will publish its report by 3 June 2024.

Hearing details

The hearing will be held on **Monday 8 April 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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