

## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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During my birth I felt like a lot of what happened was without my say or my partner or midwife too. Once the doctors came in they basically insisted I had to have an emergency c section even though I was pushing and my baby was not in distress. During the actual c section I had received a top up of my epidural however I believe that they did not wait an appropriate amount of time for the medication to work and began to cut me almost immediately. I felt the initial incision and screamed out in pain for them to stop, which was quite traumatising for not only me but my partner also who wasn't allowed in the room and could hear me screaming. Overall I think I was treated as a number and was rushed because labour was quite long.