

## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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This submission is in regards to the birth of my first child, \_\_\_\_\_, in 2020 in Melbourne at \_\_\_\_\_ hospital. I was there under midwives care. When I went in at the 41 weeks appointment the midwife suggested a vaginal examination (though I had had no signs of labour). I consented to a vaginal examination but I later realised she had performed a rupture of the membranes, also known as a stretch and sweep. Either she was incompetent or she did this on purpose, she never fully admitted she did a sweep. My water subsequently broke that day and I had a very painful labour which ended up with an epidural and vacuum.