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INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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Trauma Birth at the [REDACTED] Hospital Sydney 21st of January 2012

- * The hospital didn't offer a Cesarean option, the hospital claimed I wanted a natural birth, which was not true as this was at the doctors discretion, not mine. I knew my baby was too big, far too large for a natural birth because I already had a previous baby of 4kgs which they were aware of.
- * My birthing problems commenced because the hospital staff didn't want to arrange a cesarean for me due to the cost of surgery.
- * I had an epidural that I was told to me was part of a new trial, where I was able to self administer every 20mins for pain so I wasn't able to rest between contractions which was not good as I am not a specialist to understand that at the time.
- * The hospital claimed that I had diabetes or on the cusp of having it and I was never advised of this and so I wasn't aware of how this could affect my pregnancy and they never brought it to my attention and seemed they must not have been concerned about me.
- * They should have known to be aware of my baby being huge when they let my baby keep growing until 40 weeks and 6 days, not offering inducement or cesarean.
- * I had to ask for a baby size scan at 36 weeks and they still were not concerned for me and they should have made provision for me to have a cesarean birth.
- * Hospital notes claim I requested a natural birth, this was not correct, the doctors make decisions in public hospitals.. I wanted a cesarean as my first baby was 4 kgs and had to be delivered by forceps.
- * The hospital head obstetrician was not at the hospital during the start of the birth and I had to wait for almost an hour for him to come to the hospital, without him the staff weren't able to make a decision regarding a cesarean it was too late and couldn't be done as my baby was stuck in my birthing canal.
- * Hence I had a traumatic birth as my baby was 5kgs and he was stuck in the birthing canal for far too long.

Post Traumatic Birth Complications now exist:-

- * Bladder problems
- * Anal problems
- * Vaginal Fissures
- * Hemorrhoids
- * Bruising from Fundal pressure at birth
- * Suffering from postnatal depression

Baby Birth Trauma-

- * Shoulder dystocia
- * Broken clavicle (collarbone)
- * Broken Ribs
- * Head bruising from the use of forceps and vacuum
- * My son had head moulding and his head was studied for a year because of the traumatic complications at birth
- * Because of the delay in my son being born he has now been left with with an intellectual disability from hypoxic ischemic at birth
- * My son now has life long struggles and has NDIS assistance
- * My son should have never been overlooked to grow to his enormous size of 5Kgs and should have been considered for a cesarean birth by the hospital and doctors
- * This traumatic birth of my son was a life changing error in judgment by the hospital staff and obstetrician as my baby was without oxygen far too long causing his intellectual disability.

I hope my birthing details will assist at the royal commission regarding traumatic births.