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## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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Partially  
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My name is April, 34 years old from Australia. In 2015 I gave birth to my son at where I suffered a 3C year to my anal sphincter and subsequent 3 compartment prolapse to my bowel, bladder and uterus. The treating doctors did not gain my consent to use forceps and made errors that made me feel that the best day of my life would also be my last. I suffered from PTSD for many year, spent some time in a psychiatric ward and struggled to bond with my baby. We also went through a 3 year court battle to claim compensation.